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12.00	6.00
11.75	5.87
10.50	5.25
9.85	4.92
9.75	4.87
9.50	4.75
9.00	4.50
8.50	4.25
8.25	4.12
8.00	4.00
7.75	3.87
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GEN. MERRITT HERE

Speaks Favorably of the Philippine Situation.

Not the Policy to Recognize Insurgents. Philippine Climate Satisfactory.

GENERAL MERRITT ARRIVES. Talks About Matters of Importance in Philippine Islands.

New York, Dec. 17.—Major General Merritt, late commander of the Philippine military forces, arrived today with his wife and staff. He said the situation as far as he knew had been covered by previous reports. He says however, there is no foundation to the report that Admiral Dewey's health is broken. When he left Admiral Dewey was in perfect physical condition. He was over the strain of the naval fight. General Merritt says the people should know that the climate of the Philippines is not by any means what it is said to be. Europeans have lived there 14 years and seemed to thrive. No complaints are made about the climate. The mortality among the troops would not be so great as the people are led to believe. He found the climate pretty good.

The Germans acted sort of queer when he got there. They were meddling and made no official calls until Manila had fallen. Then they were not exactly friendly. The volunteers make good soldiers and behaved nobly. He thinks it would take about 20,000 soldiers to hold the islands in case we decide to take them. Many of the Spaniards there want to remain. Aguinaldo is very shrewd. The general did not recognize the insurgents so as to avoid complications. Admiral Dewey pursued the same course, not to recognize or use Aguinaldo or his troops. They purposely did not give the insurgents notice of the attack on Manila. They did not need them nor did not propose to have their co-operation.

Baron Rothschild Dead.

London, Dec. 17.—Baron Ferdinand James De Rothschild, M. P., is dead. The Baron was an intimate friend of the Prince of Wales. It was on a visit to him that the Prince injured his knee. He was a lavish host and entertained the queen in 1896. His death was sudden and it was thought he only had a cold.

President in Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 17.—The presidential party arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning. A reception committee boarded the train thirty miles out. The good wishes of the citizens of Savannah were presented to the president. The program today includes a trip by the party on the pilot boat down the Savannah river and a reception and banquet tonight.

The Sultan and Czar.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia arrived last evening on board a Russian steamer. He visits the sultan today and a grand banquet will be held in his honor. He is on a mission of strengthening the friendship between Russia and Turkey.

To Fight Consumption.

London, Dec. 17.—There has been a great deal of talk lately of the need of wide-spread action to cope with the increasing ravages of Great Britain's national disease, consumption. The Prince of Wales has now summoned a private meeting in Marlboro house to promote a war against tuberculosis. The Marquis of Salisbury and famous medical men will be present.

Lineman Killed.

Providence, Dec. 17.—William Holland was instantly killed yesterday while stretching a wire across a street here. The wire on which he was working broke and fell across a trolley wire. Holland grasped it in his ungloved hand without noticing that it was heavily charged with electricity. His hand was burned to the bone. He was hurled to the ground, sustaining a fractured skull and broken neck.

For Infringing the Law.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Judge Lowell has issued a warrant authorizing the United States marshal to seize 10,000 cigars and about 645 pounds of tobacco, manufactured by Jacob Rosen of this city, who is under arrest for removing cigars from his manufactory without having them properly stamped and of infringing the trade name of certain well-known cigar manufacturers.

GOMEZ REPORTED DEAD.

Cuban Representative in Spain Receives the Story. Madrid, Dec. 17.—A report has been received by a Cuban representative in the Spanish senate, from Havana, that General Maximo Gomez is dead.

Congressional Proceedings.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The bill to incorporate the International American bank was buried under an overwhelming adverse majority in the house. The debate upon the measure, which opened Thursday, was concluded yesterday at 3 o'clock. Mr. Dingley, the floor leader of the majority, made an argument in support.

The other speakers were Mr. Hill of Connecticut in its support, and Messrs. Bell (Pop., Cal.), Sulzer (Dem., N. Y.), Maxwell (Pop., Neb.), Maddox (Dem., Ga.) and Swanson (Dem., Va.) in opposition. The vote by which the bill was defeated stood 103 ayes to 148 nays. The bill to extend the customs and revenue law of the United States over the Hawaiian islands was passed without opposition. The bill, Mr. Dingley explained, carried with it the civil service laws relating to appointments in the customs and revenue service in Hawaii.

Chairman Loud of the house committee on postoffices and post roads re-introduced the bill relating to second-class mail matter and known as the Loud bill, with an amendment allowing the mailing of sample copies of newspapers at 1/2 cent for every two ounces, stamps being attached in advance. San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Yesterday was an exceedingly bad one for the defense in the trial of Mrs. Botkin, charged with murdering Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane of Dover, Del., by means of poisoned candy sent by mail and eaten by the victims. Two important witnesses appeared against Mrs. Botkin. One of them was Mrs. Grace Harris, who positively identified Mrs. Botkin as the person to whom she said a cheap linen handkerchief and identified the handkerchief. It was the one sent to Mrs. Dunning for her little daughter. Mrs. Rouf testified that Mrs. Botkin pointed the handkerchief out to her, asking if it was not a cheap one for the money. Mrs. Rouf also identified Mrs. Botkin's handwriting on the anonymous letters sent to Mrs. Dunning.

Female Hermit's End.

Westerly, R. I., Dec. 17.—The hermit life of Esther Myers, an eccentric character, came to a tragic end last evening, when her solitary home was consumed by fire, and she perished in the flames. The building was isolated so that the fire department could render no aid. The woman's body, burned to a crisp, was found near the entrance. She was 70 years of age, and had lived alone in a big farmhouse for 20 years past. She owned large lots of land and a small part of the town, which she refused to sell, thus retarding the growth of the place.

How Bryan Views It.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Colonel Bryan has expressed himself very emphatically to his Democratic associates upon the duty of congress in regard to the Philippines. He believes that the islands ought not to be held longer than is necessary for the United States to establish there a stable and independent government, such as was guaranteed to Cuba in the resolution which led to the declaration of war, and he believes it is the duty of congress to make a declaration of the intention of the United States at the earliest possible date.

The Gardner Will.

Boston, Dec. 17.—The will of the late John L. Gardner was filed yesterday for probate. Of the immense estate about \$200,000 is given in legacies to immediate relatives and friends of Mrs. Gardner, and his widow is given a life interest in the balance. At the widow's death, \$275,000 is to be given to public charities, as follows: \$100,000 to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts; \$100,000 to the Boston Lyceum; \$50,000 to the Massachusetts General hospital, and \$25,000 to the town of Brookline for its public library.

Burial in Ohio.

New York, Dec. 17.—The funeral services of ex-Senator Calvin Stewart Rice were held at noon today in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. Radcliffe of Washington conducted the services. After the services the body was taken to Lima, O., where it will be interred in the Rice family plot in a cemetery near that city. Among messages of condolence received by the family were telegrams from President McKinley, Secretaries Hay and Alger, Senator Hanna and Governor Bushnell of Ohio.

Cotton Agents' Deal.

Pall River, Mass., Dec. 17.—It is announced here that an agreement has been entered into by 10 agents representing 25 cotton mills which manufacture narrow goods and "convertibles" to handle the output of these goods, of which Fall River makes about 90 percent of the country's production, somewhat after the manner adopted by manufacturers of wide goods. No paper has been signed, but a mutual understanding is said to have been reached.

GRAVE DEPARTURES

From Civil Service Laws Alleged by the Reform League.

"Laborers" Are Assigned to Classified Work.

Resolutions Declare "Adroit System of Evasion" Prevails at Washington.

Baltimore, Dec. 17.—Sweeping charges against the administration in the matter of violations of the civil service laws were made yesterday at the convention of the Civil Service Reform League. The resolutions adopted contain the following severe arraignment of the government:

The league is forced to recognize certain grave departures within the present year from a strict observance of the civil service law and the principles underlying it. As to these, it can be shown by detailed evidence as follows:

That the order of July 27, 1897, regulating the method of removal, has been violated in both letter and spirit in various branches of the service, and that in many localities the whole system of civil service administration has been discredited in consequence.

That in the internal revenue service and in the offices of United States marshals appointments have been made altogether in violation of the law, and that such appointments have been made openly for political considerations.

That appointments have been made in the same manner in the general land office, in the forest reserve force, and in other branches of the service of the interior department.

That through appointments and removals for political reasons the efficiency of the Indian service has been seriously affected.

That the operation of the rules in the pension examining force has been nullified by an adroit system of evasion practiced by the commissioner of pensions, against the protests of the civil service commission, and of many prominent individual survivors interested in the honesty and efficiency of this particularly important service.

That in certain custom houses, and in the departments at Washington, many persons have been employed without examination as "laborers" and assigned to various kinds of classified work. That through these and other methods, the proportionate number of persons appointed in the classified service, under this administration, in full conformity with the civil service rules, when compared with the number not so appointed, has been materially decreased.

That hundreds of appointments to civil positions in the Washington office of the war department and in certain bureaus of the treasury, were made during the recent war, without reference to the civil service rules, although the lists of the commission and delivery office, the fourth-class postmasters, the names of several thousand persons eligible for appointment and within easy call, and further, that the persons so appointed were in many cases illiterate and otherwise incompetent.

That changes in the consular service have been more sweeping than at any previous time, exceeding in number those made under the preceding administration, and amounting, in the salaried grades, to a total of 227 out of 272, or nearly 80 percent of the whole; and that the system of non-competitive examinations established for certain grades of the consular service has been so modified as to be practically ineffective.

The league also calls attention to the fact that the pledge of the party now in power in the national government to "extend the system wherever practicable" is yet to be redeemed with regard to the consular service at the delivery office, the fourth-class postmasters, the employees of the census bureau, the municipal service in the District of Columbia, and by registration, the labor service. In all of which branches extension is not only clearly practicable, but urgently required.

It is the profound conviction of the league that the rule of outlying dependencies by the United States would invariably result in disaster and disgrace to the nation if conducted under the plan of spoils politics; and that the success in such an experiment would be impossible without the strictest and most exacting application of both the spirit and method of the merit system.

Latest From Marlboro.

Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 17.—As a result of the meeting Thursday night between the joint council of the Boot and Shoe Workers' union and the clergymen of this city, at which one of the latter submitted a proposition which it was hoped would lead the way to a settlement of the present labor troubles, the joint council held another session last night to further consider the suggestion. The proposition was, in substance, that the questions in dispute between employers and employees shall be settled by a committee from the union, dropping the agents of labor organizations, yet still preserving the integrity of the union. A committee was appointed to act on the subject, and they will meet the manufacturers today.

Nearly Three Weeks Adrift.

St. John's, Dec. 17.—Schooner Clarissa, bound for Gloucester from the Bay of Islands with a cargo of frozen herring, was driven into the bay of St. George yesterday dismasted and helpless. She had been drifting in that condition in the gulf of St. Lawrence for nearly three weeks. Her crew of eight men suffered terribly, being in almost constant danger of going to the bottom, as well as severely frostbitten from exposure.

"Antis" in the Minority.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 17.—The Philippine question was debated before the board of trade last night by Edward Atkinson, the exponent of the anti-imperialists, and Rev. Dr. P. S. Moxom, the able pastor of the South church of this city. About 150 heard the arguments. A vote was not taken on the merits of the question, but the applause indicated that the sentiments of those present were entirely with Dr. Moxom.

In a Terrible Flight.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Rev. H. W. White, a missionary, who arrived here yesterday from China, says that, owing to two successive droughts, the crops in Chin Chow Fu province have been failures, and the people are dying by thousands from starvation. The people of Shang Fung province are also starving. In some villages there are hundreds of deaths per week.

LOCAL NEWS.

DIDN'T WANT TO PLEAD.

Albany Couple Running a Stamp Works Game, Thought to Have Been Here.

Florence Gray, the woman who gave this city as her address when arrested in Albany, as reported yesterday, waived her right to plead in court there yesterday, and was committed. Harry E. Cobb, to whom she claims to be married, did the same. Cobb is charged with forgery on bogus checks, and the woman is charged with petit larceny. Cobb was doing business as the Cobb stamp works, and the couple are believed to be the same that were in this city in the same line of business. The woman gave the same name while here. They left here after an attachment had been placed on the business, and had been under the eye of the police for some time.

A Busy District Court.

There was a busy session of district court this morning, continued cases being the cause. Several of these were finally settled after trials. There was only one new case, John O'Connell being taxed \$10 for drunkenness and exposing his person.

Arthur Friend, the victim of the "five friends" disaster was defaulted, not appearing to answer the charge of drunkenness. Michael Cavanough, another of the friends, was fined \$10 for drunkenness and went to Pittsfield for lack of money.

The longest trial was that of Pietro Beylacqua, he being charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. A number of witnesses were examined through an interpreter, and the defendant was finally discharged. The case against George B. Cleveland for alleged larceny of a real estate deed was not pressed. Cases against F. H. Whitlaw and James McDonough were again continued.

Record Breaking Entry Day.

Today was entry day for civil cases in the local district court, and all previous records were broken by the entering of 20 cases. It is believed to be the largest number for any one day in the history of the court. Most of the cases were minor affairs, being the result of small bills left unpaid too long. Eight of the 20 were brought by one professional man, who is trying to settle up some long overdue claims.

The three attachments on the property of Frank J. Barber were recorded. The suits are brought by Annun & Formals of this city, Horatio Simmons of Bennington, and Philip Breidenbach, and the actual claims amount to about \$1,000. John Purcell and Lucy Cronin bring suit against D. H. Varum for a considerable amount claimed to be due on a contract for board contracted for employees.

Man in a Saloon.

Mr. Cumm of Bernard & Cumm has reported to the police that early Friday morning, about 1 o'clock, he was passing his saloon on Center street, when he saw inside a well known local character. He investigated, and the man claimed he had been locked in by mistake when the saloon was closed at 11 o'clock. The man's story was not entirely straight, but no arrest was made.

Will Petition For Michael.

It is said that a petition will be circulated to be presented to Mayor Cady asking that Michael Foley be returned to the employ of the city in the position he has long held as street cleaning department. It will also contain a request that Mr. Foley be paid in full for the services he has rendered since his discharge.

—Commissioner Emigh, Chief Byars and Supt. Hodge landed about 50 pounds of fish at the Cheshire reservoir yesterday.

SWORD AND STARVATION

Has Devastated Fertile and Beautiful Province of Pinar del Rio, Washington, Dec. 17.—The state of affairs existing in the western province of Cuba is shown in this report to the war department from General Davis, dated Pinar del Rio, Dec. 14:

"Arrived here last night; troops comfortably encamped; have all required supplies; have been received with great enthusiasm and rejoicing. Civil governor left province when Spanish troops retired. The alcalde called, tendered his services. A small Cuban force is in town as police, good order prevails everywhere. Half raise flag tomorrow in presence of troops and citizens. Treasury empty and only means of replenishing it a system of taxation almost to verge of starvation. No custom houses in this province. Country of great fertility and fertile, but ravaged almost to destruction, assured by responsible citizens and foreigners that one-half the former population has been killed or starved to death. Colonel Seyburn with two battalions at Guannajay. He is ordered to occupy Mariel with a detachment. No sickness."

Charged With Embezzlement.

Sunderland, N. H., Dec. 17.—John J. Corneli, also known as William C. Charnell, was arrested at a hotel here yesterday on a charge of embezzlement, brought by Smith & Co. of Boston. The man alleged to have been taken in \$500. The prisoner pleaded not guilty and was held for a hearing. He was taken to the jail at Concord.

Was Long Overdue.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—The British ship Jules Verne arrived from New York last night, and 10 percent insurance had been paid. The ship was making the voyage in 11 days and 10 hours.

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to purchase your men folks' Christmas Presents today. Our entire store is given over to your pleasure and comfort while shopping. Men are comparatively easy to please. "Any little thing with lots of love in it." We have the things in abundance, you do the rest.

Leather and Celluloid Goods

in great variety of styles and prices. Collar and Cuff Cases 50c to \$2.50. Manicure Sets \$1. Neckwear and Handkerchief Boxes 67c to \$2. Shaving Sets \$2 to \$4. Toilet Sets 75c to \$3.

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our Silk and Cashmere Mufflers come in new patterns and are good value at 25c to \$1.50. "Boys' Mufflets" is a new creation in the way of a muffler that is practical and good looking. Price \$1. Umbrellas, Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, etc., are here in profusion. Buy Today.

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Mellan's Food, 50c size	34c	Green's Nervura, \$1 size	65c
Malted Milk, 50c size	25c	Paine's Celery Compound, \$1 size	65c
Malted Milk, \$1 size	73c	Puritan's, \$1 size	65c
Malted Milk, \$3.75 size	\$2.00	Bioeth's Hyomei, \$1 size	65c
Maltine Preparations, \$1.00 size	75c	Quinine Pills 2 gr., 50c per doz. 6 doz. 25c	
Maki Tea, 25c size	17c	A 50c lamb's wool sponge	25c
Catoria, (genuine) 35c size	23c	A 50c chamois skin	25c
Blood Wine, 50c size	33c	Chest protectors	50 and 75c
Blood Cordial, 50c size	33c	One Box Pure Glycerine Soap, 4 cakes 15c	
Beef, Iron and Wine, 50c size	33c	Hot water bags, 50c size	35c
Bacon's Celery King, 50c size	33c	Hot water bags \$1 size	50c
A large bottle of Lavender, Violet, Florida or Cologne Water,	40c	Atomizers, regular price \$1.00, our price,	50c
One Quart Best Bay Rum	50c	Perfume Atomizers	25c to 35c
A two-ounce Bottle of the best Extract Vanilla, Orange or Lemon	25c	Pungents	25c to 35c
Hood's Sarsaparilla, \$1 size	66c	We can save you 20 to 50 per cent on Christmas Presents, Patent Medicines, Prescriptions, etc.	
Dona's " " \$1 size	66c	Try our Hot Soda with Whipped Cream and Saltines, 5c.	
Brown's Sarsaparilla \$1 size	66c		

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A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit our store, examine our Beautiful New Goods and get our prices.



Death of C. H. Starkweather—To Discuss the Philippine Question—A Missionary to Speak—Epidemic of Influenza—For the Pastor's Benefit.

DEATH OF C. H. STARKWEATHER.

Cyrus H. Starkweather died Friday morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Starkweather, aged 24 years and six months. He had been an invalid since he was seven years old, but was as well as usual till about Thanksgiving time, since which he had been ailing till two weeks ago, when he was taken seriously ill. Medical treatment was promptly procured and everything possible was done to save his life, but toward the last meningitis developed and it was recognized that the case was hopeless. The young man's long invalidism made him the object of unusual care and solicitude on the part of his parents, and especially his mother, whose life has been very largely given to him. His death will create a vacancy in the household such as few can realize who have not been similarly circumstanced. Mr. and Mrs. Starkweather lost their daughter Miss Daisy, a few years ago last March and this was their only remaining child. The funeral will be held at the Rev. W. H. Butler will conduct the services and the burial will be in the family lot in the east cemetery.

TO DISCUSS PHILIPPINES.

The White Oaks Temple club will hold a meeting or "campfire," in the chapel Monday evening. There will be an informal discussion of the Philippine islands question and a good social time. The club, which was organized last fall for social purposes and mutual improvement, is having a vigorous growth, there being now about 60 names on the membership roll. The only qualifications for membership are faith in God, faith in men, and service. The meeting Monday evening will be a pleasant and interesting one and it is hoped that the membership will be largely represented.

A MISSIONARY TO SPEAK.

Miss Emily C. Wheeler, who was in the mission field in Armenia at the time of the terrible massacres, will speak in the White Oaks chapel Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Miss Wheeler's father was at the same time president of the Missionary college in Harpoot and both saw much of the awful suffering caused by the bitter persecutions of the Turks. The address will be one of unusual interest and should be heard by a large audience. On account of this meeting the Sunday school will be held at 2:15 o'clock.

EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA.

There is an almost unprecedented epidemic of influenza in town. As has before been stated, the college infirmary is full to overflowing, and two trained nurses from Pittsfield are now assisting in the care of patients. Many students are confined to their rooms and a number have gone home suffering with the ailment. Dr. John Bascom and Professors Lefavour and Mather are laid up, and Professor Morton has been, but is now out again. Outside of the college the disease is also cutting a wide swath, cases being reported from all parts of the town.

FOR PASTOR'S BENEFIT.

The Woman's Working Association gave a very pleasant entertainment in the White Oaks chapel Friday evening. The ladies were assisted by Rev. George P. Merrett and a number of students who contributed recitations and musical selections, and the program was very enjoyable throughout. Refreshments were served. An admission fee of 15 cents was charged and to the proceeds will be given to the pastor.

Hamstead, who has been seriously ill for two weeks, is reported to be improving.

The next debate of the Fratergermanic club of the high school will be held January 6, the first Friday after the opening of the next term. The subject will be: "Resolved, that the watering tub on Main street should be moved."

A number of young people went to Fowall Friday night to attend a masquerade ball.

Lemuel Morgan has resigned as treasurer of the White Oaks Temple club and Ziba Goodell has been elected to succeed him.

Closing exercises were held in all the schools Friday afternoon, at which time the schools closed for the holiday vacation of two weeks. The children acquitted themselves with great credit in rendering the well arranged programs. In addition to the regular exercises the station schools had Christmas trees.

A. S. Lalibarte received a letter a day or two ago from his father in Somerset, Canada, who writes a remarkably legible hand for a man 85 years old. He is still able to enjoy hunting and trapping and is a man of wonderful vigor for his years.

Paul Rose, who was laid up a few days by sickness, is again on duty in Ashderian's store.

M. M. Gavitt is confined to his home by an attack of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Galusha are spending a few days with George H. Prindle and family.

S. S. Towne has been appointed local agent of the New York Life Insurance company.

John E. Waterman, who has laid up for several weeks with rheumatism, is much better and is now able to get out.

A rascally man in town has been working for some time to invent perpetual motion and it is said he claims to have succeeded.

Mrs. J. T. Wells and sons, Walter and Karl, have been sick for several days with the prevailing distemper.

The fair held in the parish room of St. John's church Friday afternoon and



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One of the most profitable industries down on the coast of Maine is "lobsterin." It is a laborious occupation, and those who follow it have to endure much hardship and exposure, and many perils from the sea. Lobsters are caught on rocky bottom in "traps" or "pots," which are made of hickory saplings after the fashion of a crockery crate. At the two small ends holes are arranged with spikes of flexible wood running to a focus, so that the lobster, tempted to enter by a bait hung from the center, finds it impossible to get out. The most common bait are codfish heads and fish which are too plentiful and unpopular to be sold in market. The pots are submerged in two or three fathoms of water with stone sinkers, and their location marked by short logs of wood fastened to them by ropes and allowed to float on the surface.

Twice a day, at sunrise and sunset, the pots are visited, and the lobsters are taken out and thrown into a chest in the boat, with a lot of seaweed to keep them fresh and give them something to eat on.

After the pots have all been emptied the lobsters are all taken to a large "float," at some convenient spot, where they are transferred to a tank and kept until called for.

Lobsters who are convenient to towns sell most of their catch in the local market. Those who are working at distant and isolated spots along the coast are visited every week or ten days by tugs fitted up with large tanks or coveys, capable of holding from 10,000 to 15,000 lobsters. These vessels patrol regularly up and down the coast, and when their tanks are full drop in at Boston or New York and unload.

The life of the lobsterer is lonely as well as dangerous. He generally lives alone in a cabin on a rocky island, cooks his own meals of fish and bacon and spends his days catching bait for his traps. Nearly all of them have lobster "farms," where the undersized lobsters and those with spawns are imprisoned in salt water ponds to grow and breed. The law protects the traffic by imposing a heavy fine upon the sale of small ones.—Chicago Record.

THE DOCTOR.

He Is Well Advertised, Although He Doesn't Advertise.

We hear a good deal about the anti-advertising ethics of the medical profession, but we seldom stop to think of the vast amount of advertising that every physician secures for himself, either on his own account or through the agency of others. If he walks, or his distinctive "doctor's rig," if he drives, proclaims his profession to all who are within seeing distance. He is a constant and persistent advertisement of himself. In whatever capacity he may live, move and have his being, he is permitted to prefix his advertising title to his name and be always and everywhere known as "Dr." On the street, at the club, in the lodgeroom, in society, he never sinks to the level of plain "Mr." He is never separated from his standing ad.

If the physician buys a house or is elected a director of a corporation, it is always as "Dr." Smith. If he is a deacon in the church, nobody ever thinks of saying "Brother" Smith. He is "Dr." Smith even when he passes the bread and wine. To strangers he is always introduced by his title, and his friends and acquaintances "Dr." him from morning until night. It is "Good morning, doctor!" "Fine day, doctor!" "Good evening, doctor!" "Hello, doctor!" or just plain "Hello, doc!" day in and day out. Even his wife addresses him by his professional title and the company never fails to refer to him as "the doctor."

Thus the physician gets for nothing a quantity of advertising that would cost any business man a small fortune. Even the newspaper, whose columns he does not deign to use in a business way, always mentions him as "Dr." Smith and gives him hundreds of dollars' worth of publicity without money and without price. It is as if he went through life wearing a big placard, "I am a physician." It is impossible for any one to know him, meet him or hear of him without learning of his profession.

She Had Her Way.

"I shall have to ask you for a ticket for that boy, ma'am."

"I guess not."

"He's too old to travel free. He occupies a whole seat, and the car's crowded. There are people standing up."

"That's all right."

"I haven't time to argue the matter, ma'am. You'll have to pay for that boy."

"I've never paid for him yet, and I'm not going to begin now."

"You've got to begin some time. If you haven't had to put up fare for him, you're mighty lucky or else you don't do much traveling."

"That's all right."

"You'll pay for that boy, ma'am, or I'll stop the train and put him off."

"That's all right. You put him off if you think that's the way to get anything out of me."

"You ought to know what the rules of this road are, ma'am. How old is that boy?"

"I don't know. I never saw him before. If you want a ticket for him, you'd better ask that old gentleman down the aisle. He got on with him."

THE STORY OF WHAT LED TO ITS RUIN.

Condition.

I found it lying, apparently neglected, in the corner of a drawer.

"You hardly seem in flourishing circumstances. To what do you attribute your—your rusty condition?"

"Mostly to pride."

"Pride? That is a very singular statement."

"Well, I considered that my owner did not treat me with proper respect, so the next time we met I cut him."

"Dead?"

"Not exactly, but he felt decidedly hurt."

"Did he remonstrate?"

"It would grieve me to repeat the language he used, but I was much for him. Lately I have prided myself on my bluntness and am sure that I made him wince."

"Was it then that you gave up shaving?"

"Yes, I was forcibly retired with just a pension. Still, I am not so keen on shaving as I was when younger."

"Perhaps you feel that you are now reaping the results of your folly?"

"Shaving! Is it any secret a scythe that you should take to reaping?"

"And I fancied that the razor ground the edge with indignation."

"I apologize. I did not suppose you had anything to do with corn cutting. By the way, what have been your most thrilling experiences?"

"I have been partially swallowed by a baby. I have also been photographed in my case by the X rays."

"An extraordinary presumption, but there is nothing very thrilling about it. Have you not something more exciting to tell me?"

"Once a foolish young fellow, who had been crossed in love, surreptitiously borrowed me. He carefully felt my edge, stropped me to a nicety, and then—"

"Then what?"

"Shut me up. And if you will be so exceedingly kind as to take the hint I shall feel very much obliged."

"And the razor shut up."—Fred Edmunds in London Sketch.

Princess Beatrice and the Dean.

A story of little girl, used to play at cooking. She had on one occasion made some cakes which were more than usually bad, and all her friends declined to taste them.

"Very well, then," said the little princess, "Dr. Stanley is not here. I shall give them to the donkey." The late Dean Stanley, was a great favorite with the queen's younger children; he had so many entertaining stories to tell. Princess Beatrice was well aware that he had neither taste nor smell, hence she considered him a most proper person for the consumption of her cakes.—Westminster.

CEYLON INDIA

Is noted for rich wine-like body.

The delightful flavor of that imported and sold by Chase & Sanborn in pound and half-pound air-tight packages, under the name of Orange Pekoe, is indeed most enjoyable.

Truly it is said that

Chase & Sanborn's Package Teas

are the "Royal Gems of the Kingdom of Tea." They are famous throughout the country for richness, flavor, purity, and superiority.

One pound makes over 200 cups.

Fancy Groceries

AT FISHER'S.

Fancy Cakes,

Fancy Crackers,

Fruits of all kinds.

Nuts, Figs, Candies.

Vegetables of all kinds.

Prices Low and Special Inducements to cash customers

G. G. FISHER,

Corner Eagle and River Sts.

Basement Wanted.

For pool rooms, 30x60 to 80 ft. by remodeling or as is. Will lease for term of 1 or 8 years. Must be on or near Main St. Address at once BASEMENT,

Care Transcript Office.

DANCING.

Wm. J. Devlin

Dancing Academy

FORRESTERS' HALL,

F. M. T. A. Building, Center St.

Evening classes—Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Private lessons afternoons from 1 to 6 p. m.

Classes now forming.

INDIGESTION is the failure of the stomach to properly digest the food, and is the cause of more misery and distress than any other disease. It presents all grades of severity, from a condition where only certain articles of diet cause distress to a condition where the simplest food causes intense agony, and is rejected by the stomach. If unrelieved, this dangerous disease undermines the constitution, destroys the will and nervous power, causes emaciation and weakness, and ruins the health. There are pains in the side, nausea, sometimes vomiting, distress after taking food, constipation, loss of appetite, dizziness and flatulence. To promptly relieve and permanently cure Indigestion, as well as all other troubles of the Stomach, Liver and Bowels, use

SEMIT
TABLETS.
Bellevue Hospital Remedy. Try them.
10c., 25c., 50c., of all druggists, or by mail of Semit Chemical Co., Brockton, Mass.

Great Challenge Sale

AT

H. S. KATSH,

4 Marshall Street.

Closing out Fall and Winter Goods at 50 per cent.

Sale commenced MONDAY, December 12, and will continue for the balance of the year 1898. Goods must be sold before the holidays to make room for spring stock. It will pay you to give us a call. Bring hand bill with you for reference as to prices, at

H. S. KATSH,

4 Marshall Street.

Just around the Corner of Main Street.

No goods charged during this sale.

Store Open Evenings During This Sale.

Sensible Priced Jewelry.

The best of goods at prices that are based on cost, and not on sentiment.

New and reliable goods have been coming in late at the following prices:

Fractels, gold filled and Sterling Silver, \$1 up.

Brooch Pins, 50c up.

Ladies' Guard Chains, \$1 50 up.

Silver Novelties, 15c up.

Thimbles, 10c up.

Gold Pins, diamond points, \$1 up.

Set Rings, \$1.50 up.

WEHL'S NEW JEWELRY STORE,

5 Eagle Street, Near Main.

Baker-Rose GOLD CURE Sanitarium

Of Massachusetts

Park Avenue, North Adams, Mass.

The Baker-Rose treatment for LIQUOR habit has proved its superiority over others, as shown by the number of cures from other treatment, which have been cured and in no case has the patient been cured and in no case has the patient been cured and in no case has the patient been cured.

Reliable References Furnished.

Telephone 33-12

Genuine Welsbach Gas Lamps and Mantles

AT

CUT PRICES.

For Spot Cash. Mail orders promptly attended to.

GEO. E. PATTON COMPANY, 49 Center

Do You Want a Nice Home

At a Low Cost?

Look at No. 28, North Holden Street.

Look at No. 13, East Brooklyn Street.

Prices on these are away down, the terms liberal and there are others.

COME IN

Remember—Every Description of Insurance.

HARVEY A. GALLUP,

BOLAND BLOCK.

IN NEW QUARTERS

The undersigned has opened a new office in the

Burlingame Block, Main St.

For the buying and selling of

Stocks, Bonds, Grain, Provisions and

Cotton for

Cash or on Margin,

With private telegraph wires to all

markets.

E. McA. Learned

Burlingame Block,

North Adams.

Central Block, Pittsfield.

Gleason Block, Lee, Mass.

COLUMBIA THEATER.

Week Beginning

MONDAY, December 12

Dime Matinee Daily Beginning Tuesday

A Delightful Foot-A-100 Performance at Popular Prices.

Elroy's Stock Co.

SUPPORTING

J. Harvey Cook and

Miss Lottie Church

In the Following Strong Productions:

Monday Night—The White Squadron.

Tuesday Night—Land of the Midnight

Sun.

Wednesday Night—A Rough Rider.

Thursday Night—The Midnight Alarm.

Friday Night—The D. strict Fair.

Saturday Night—She.

Evening Prices, 10, 20 and 50c.

Ladies' Tickets Monday night. You

can secure them at the reserve seat sale.

Seals on sale Friday at 9 a. m.

All the Latest Music.

Regular prices 4c, 50c and 60c.

until January 1, 1899, at 25c per

copy, including all the hits, viz:

"Words Harshly Spoken," "Geor-

gia Camp Meeting," "I Love You

in the Same Old Way," Andrew

Mack's latest songs, "Break the

News to Mother," and hundred

others.

We have a fine line of music rolls

at low prices. Will be open every

evening until January 1, 1899.

Step in and examine our musical

merchandise.

Underwood's Music Rooms,

2 Holden St.

HOLIDAY GOODS

If you want choice

Calendars, Christmas Cards,

Pocketbooks,

Toilet Sets, Gift Books,

Fountain Pens,

D. A. ANDERSON'S

75 Main Street.

Is the place to find them.

The Bookdealer and Stationer.



CHURCH NOTES.

UNIVERSALIST.

The pastor's subject for Sunday morning will be "Golden rules in making up one's mind." At 7 p. m. he will speak on "Feeling the multitude."

METHODIST.

The pastor's subject for Sunday morning will be "The exalted King." In the evening he will speak on "The lion's mouth."

The regular meeting of the Epworth league will be held Sunday evening. There will be no meeting of the pastor's class this evening.

BAPTIST.

There will be usual Sunday morning and evening services Sunday.

The regular meeting of the Young People's union will be held Sunday evening. The subject will be "Limiting God." Miss Mary E. Cole will lead.

The regular meeting of the Woman's union will be held at the parsonage Tuesday afternoon.

ST. MARK'S.

The ladies will hold the annual Christmas service at the Parish house Tuesday. Special preparations have been made to make it more extensive than ever before and it is hoped everyone will attend. There will be fancy and useful articles for sale. It will be the place to purchase Christmas presents.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The first services under the auspices of the Men's Sunday evening club will be held Sunday evening. All men interested are invited.

FRIDAY EVENING'S DANCE.

The dance to have been held in bank block by the Foresters had to be postponed. Nobody attended and the orchestra was dismissed. There was a fair attendance at the Sons of Veterans dance in Grand Army hall and those who attended had a good time. A free lunch was served and dancing began at 8.30 and lasted until after midnight. From appearances Friday evening dancing is beginning to die out here.

MISS MILDRED JENKS WON.

The final speaking contest for the teachers' medal at the high school was held Friday afternoon and Miss Mildred Jenks won. There were quite a few visitors present and the speaking was quite good. The judges were Mrs. Ira Ball, Miss Mary G. Shea, and Editor F. N. Chase of the Freeman. They decided in favor of Miss Jenks. The Shaw medal, which is generally awarded the best boy speaker, was not awarded. Rheinhold Ernst was the only one chosen for the final and he was excused.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

The annual meeting of Golden Link Rebekah lodge, was held Friday evening. The reports of the officers were very encouraging. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: N. G. Miss Katherine Hodecker; V. G. Miss Lizzie Morton; secretary, M. A. Arnold; financial secretary, Miss Margaret J. Rine; treasurer, W. J. O'Brien; trustees, Mrs. Emily Ingraham. The officers will be installed in two weeks. At that time an informal social will be held.

ANOTHER MAIL CARRIER.

There has been an extra large amount of mail to deliver at the local postoffice this week and it is expected that the amount will be still larger next week. All during the year it is evident that another mail carrier is needed in town but now during the holidays it would be impossible to get along without one, so the postmaster will have a special carrier to work about two weeks. Carriers Duggan and Curran are still unable to resume their duties.

The snow at Hoosac Valley park has been scraped off the pond and now there is good skating.

J. A. Partridge has leased the pavilion at Hoosac Valley park for a skating rink. The bicycle skate will be used.

Don't miss the cantata at the opera house this evening.

Miss Anna Flaherty of Cheshire visited friends here today.

The regular meeting of the Sons of Veterans will be held this evening.

Supt. P. J. Stanton of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company has paid \$125 to Mrs. Margaret Degen on the life of her husband, Adam.

H. J. Arnold has gone to Pelham to visit friends and relatives.

These letters are advertised at the local postoffice: George Smith, Dame David Plourde and Mase F. Menton.

Joseph Lister has resigned his position with M. Murphy at the latter's barber shop and will work for Paul Cote.

Notice John Thompson's advertisement in another column.

The seats for C. E. White's lecture on "The Duty of the Hour" are not on sale at Mole's drug store. The lecture will be given at the opera house Monday evening.

The Catholic order of Foresters will meet Tuesday evening and elect officers for the ensuing year.

The Socialist-Labor party will have a Christmas tree and entertainment at Koehler's Turn hall on Summer street Monday evening, December 26. All members of the party and their families are invited.

The Frauen Heim Ladies' lodge, No. 15, D. O. H., will have a Christmas tree at Herman hall on Spring street Christmas eve.

On page four of this issue is an announcement from Dr. Pfeiffer, the natural healer of Boston, who has been in this county since April performing the most wonderful cures. He can be consulted free every Tuesday and Friday at his Adams office, 13 Myrtle street.

NEW DRESSMAKING APARTMENTS.

Mrs. L. B. Chaffee has opened dressmaking rooms at Barrett's new block on Columbia street, where she will do dressmaking at reasonable prices. Also will go out by the day. Terms \$1 per day.

TO RENT.

A tenement, 2 rooms and a bath. Inquire of Mrs. McNulty, West street.

ONE OF THE BEST FEATURES.

Of the Pyramid Pile Cure.

Is the fact it cures every form of piles without one particle of pain. This desirable point is not obtained by the use of injurious opiates which simply deaden and paralyze the nerves of the parts and make matters worse in the long run. But it is done solely by its remarkable healing and soothing effects.

And while it thus gives immediate relief, at the same time the disease is not merely checked, but a radical cure is rapidly accomplished.

And the point we want to make clear is that all this is done without a particle of pain.

This fact is one reason for the great popularity of the Pyramid Pile Cure and constitutes one very great difference between it and almost any other kind of treatment for piles.

Every kind of surgical operation for piles is excruciatingly painful besides endangering the life of the patient and in most cases is not to be compared with the Pyramid Pile Cure, neither in making successful cures without pain nor cheapness in safety.

The Pyramid Pile Cure has been before the public too long, and its merits recognized by too many people to allow it to be classed with the many salves, suppositories, pills, etc., and you run no risk in trying it, as is often the case with new and untried preparations.

If you are ever troubled with any form of piles or rectal disease do not forget the Pyramid Pile Cure. Prepared by the Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., and sold by all druggists at 50 cents per package.

Do You Know Him.

Martha Claffer, No. 23 Lincoln street, Pittsfield, Mass., says: "I have been a constant sufferer for the past two years. My physician said I had catarrh of the stomach, and I had every reason to believe that I had it in the severest form. Every morning I would cough and expectorate; then I would have an attack of gagging, retching and choking, followed by vomiting a large quantity of nasty, green, slimy mucus. This was not my only trouble for my head ached and I was constipated. I was discouraged and had almost given up all hope of recovery until I read of the marvelous results other people were obtaining by the use of Curo Blood Tonic. I have taken it and today I am happy to say that I am perfectly well." Regular \$1 bottle, 25 cents. For sale by Malone, the druggist, Eagle street, North Adams, Mass. They refund the money to every one dissatisfied with the result of this remedy after having given it a fair trial.

J. THOMPSON

Says he is going to have a big supply of Poultry, prime stock for Christmas trade that he will sell cheap for cash.

Call and see him and he will try and suit you with quality and price.

He is ready to take orders and fill them with satisfaction at

BURT STREET MARKET
RENFREW.Christmas Presents
AT HURD'S.

Silver Novelties.
Gold and Silver Watches
Beautiful Jewellery.

Toilet Sets.
Dolls in Great Variety.
Clocks of all kinds.

Call and see us. We can please you in quality, assortment and price.

A. J. Hurd,

Jeweler, Stationer
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PARK STREET,
Adams, Mass.
Two Expert Watchmakers.

Christmas Furnishing for Men and Boys.

Neckwear--Exceptional values in 25c and 50c silks, made in Tecks, Four-in-Hands, Puffs, Bows and Ascots. A great variety to pick from.

Gentlemen's House Coats--The man who smokes calls them smoking Jackets. Every man will appreciate one at \$3.75 to \$8.00.

Umbrellas--Ladies' or Gentlemen's--Our assortment of Xmas umbrellas excels any line ever before shown in town. Natural handles, Dresden, gold or silver handles, gun metal handles in ladies'. The two in hand leather-covered is a gentlemen umbrella at \$3.75, 4.00 and 4.25. Size governs price.

Our Xmas Furnishing represents the newest, best, and stylish productions in all lines.

Bay State Clothing House

Armory Building, Adams

Stores at Adams, North Adams, Orange and Athol.

GLIMPSES OF PEKING.

Scenes and incidents in the Imperial City of China.

Peking struck me as extraordinarily backward after the evidences of progress I had seen and heard of in other parts of China, even in such places as Chang-sha the capital of Hunan, where no European resides. In the latter town electric light has been installed by the Chinese themselves in several dwelling houses. In Peking the best thoroughfares are practically unlighted and almost impassable for pedestrians, while the dust, mud and stenches defy description. It would almost seem as if diplomatic indifference and Chinese corruption had conspired together to make the capital as loathsome and repellent as possible, for fear that if rendered attractive the invasion of foreign enterprise would, on the one hand, give the European representatives of the powers a deal of extra trouble and, on the other hand, open the eyes of the people and seal the doom of Chinese official corruption.

The contract for lighting the public streets is, so I am told, a most lucrative one and brings in vast profits the concessionaire, and a large sum is no doubt paid annually for the main sewerage. A yearly official inspection is made of the Clean Maxima of Peking in a characteristically Chinese manner. The Inspector rides up to one end of the sewer, which, as every one knows, has been blocked up with filth for scores of years, and a coolie is solemnly dispatched to cut and proceed rights through, so as to demonstrate visibly the practicability of the passage. The inspecting party then ride round to the far end, whence a coolie is seen to emerge. No more searching examination or infallible test could surely be required, and the majesty of Chinese officialdom rides away perfectly satisfied. Again, the roadway inside the Tartar city is lined on both sides with many hundreds of booths, where Chinese families reside and keep shops. This encumbering of the public highway is contrary to law and is only winked at by the police in consideration of heavy blackmail being forthcoming, extorted from the tenants. Whenever, however, the emperor announces his intention of riding abroad, a complete clearance is made, so that no unauthorized structures or obstructions may offend the imperial eye. When his majesty enters his palace, all the booths and stalls are replaced in statu quo--Nineteenth Century.

You Can't Hear It.

There are many sounds animals can hear which are inaudible to man. Mr. Galton, the famous anthropologist, has invented a little whistle with an adjustable plug, by which it can be rendered more and more shrill till it ceases to give any note to our ears, yet a dog will hear it as a whistle still and answer readily its call.

The plant known as vervain, which is not distinguished for its beauty and which grows nowadays utterly disregarded, was so sacred to the Druids that they only gathered it for their divinations when the great dog star arose, in order that neither sun nor moon should see the deed.

If you are too indolent to shingle your house during the dry weather, you have no just cause for complaint because your roof leaks when it rains.

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Perfumery

A nice fresh stock of Lazell's perfumery. All the newest odors in fancy bottles for the Holidays.

Candy

In pound and half pound boxes received fresh from Kebbe Bros. every week.

PARK STREET
DRUG STORE

THE ADAMS NATIONAL BANK.

OF NORTH ADAMS, MASS.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Adams National Bank will be held at their banking house in North Adams, on

Tuesday, the 10th day of January, next at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the following purposes, to wit:
1st. To choose directors for the ensuing year.
2nd. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

W. H. PRITCHARD, Cashier.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 9, 1898.

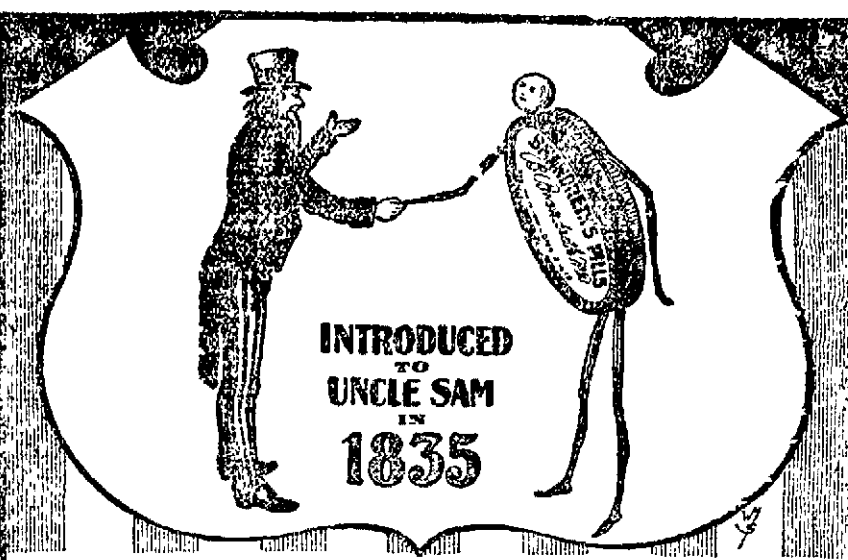
To Rent.

A large and commodious room in first class condition, moderate price, immediate possession given. Call at 22 State street.

To Rent.

Apartment to rent in "The Berkshire" on Hoosac street, consists of 7 rooms, with large attic for storage. Kitchen contains gas and steel ranges, hot and cold water. Quaintest oak china closet in dining room. Mantle and open fire place with grate in parlors. Full open nickel plated plumbing in bathroom, porcelain lined tub, tiled floor. Heated by furnace; cellar floor cemented. Both electric and gas lights and attractive decorations throughout. Rent reasonable. Inquire of

W. E. Penniman,
No. 1 "The Arlington,"
Hoosac Street.
168 ft.



When anything stands a test of over sixty years among a discriminating people like the Americans, and steadily increases in sale, it is pretty good evidence that there is merit somewhere. Such is the record of Brandreth's Pills.

In 1836, one year after they were introduced into the United States, 135,000 boxes were sold; and in 1897, 1,123,097 boxes were sold in this country alone, not to speak of the large and increasing sales throughout the world, where they have been on sale since 1770--nearly one hundred and thirty years. Does't this speak volumes for the virtues of Brandreth's Pills? That they actually perform all that is claimed for them, is conclusively proved by the fact that those who regard them with the greatest favor are those who have used them the longest.

Brandreth's Pills are purely vegetable, and are made of the highest class goods obtainable. For two years every pill lies in the storehouse before it is put on sale. This allows the medicine to mellow and soften, and explains why the cathartic action of Brandreth's Pills is so certain and so easy. The system never becomes inured to them, they can be taken indefinitely, and if stopped at any time, the functions will proceed to act in a natural manner. They are the safest medicine to take yourself and the safest to give your children. Sold throughout the world, both plain and sugar coated.

Elegant Goods....

The people say that a jewelry store should be judged by the stock of watches and Diamonds it carries. If such is the fact then our store should be headquarters for Christmas shoppers.

DIAMONDS.....

Our stock is superb. In Rings, Brooches, Pins, yes, some in Watches with diamond settings. You will not find a better assortment in the city.

WATCHES.....

For ladies or gentlemen, large and small, Gold or Silver, all the standard works and at prices that will tempt you.

CUT GLASS.....

Beautiful goods, embracing every conceivable dish, in the most elegant patterns.

SILVERWARE.....

From a souvenir spoon to an elegant tea set. Late designs, rich and rare.

CANES and UMBRELLAS.....

With gold and silver handles. An assortment which will please.

ENGRAVING.....

Remember we will engrave initials or monogram on your purchases free, making the present the more acceptable.

...L. M. Barnes...

Jeweler. 5 Wilson House Block.

SACRIFICES IN FURNITURE.

Cash or Installment.

New kitchen stoves and ranges, from \$18 00 to \$35 00	New bedroom suits, from \$15 00 to \$35 00
New parlor stoves, from \$2 50 to \$12 00	Six-foot extension tables \$3 50 to 7 00
Second hand kitchen stoves, from \$3 00 to \$15 00	Mattress and iron bedsteads, 3 25 to 12 00
Second hand parlor stoves, from \$1 00 to \$8 00	Linen shades, all colors, 15¢ each. Extension and woven wire springs at \$2.00.

Crockery at your own price.

Remember the place 85 Center St. Flaherty block, near Eagle St.
GREENBURG & BOUCHARD.

GREAT BARGAINS!
ATJaffe's Triple Store,
20, 221-2, 24 MARSHALL ST.

The big Triple Store is full of unheard-of bargains. They are not alone in one department, but upon every counter. EVERY DAY IS A SALE DAY.

Handkerchiefs.

Ladies' All-Linen, Hemstitched, at all prices. Handkerchiefs of all kinds for ladies or gentlemen. Big assortment to choose from.

Umbrellas.

All sizes, qualities and prices. Get our prices before purchasing elsewhere.

Underwear.

For all--all prices to choose from, and the best the market affords.

Gloaks, Wraps and Gollarettes.

Big inducements for a few days to ladies needing these goods. Come while the assortment is new and complete. Get bargains while they are going.

Remember the Place--Headquarters for Christmas Goods.

A. JAFFE, 20, 221-2 and 24 MARSHALL ST.

INSURANCE of all Kinds
TINKER & RANSFORD.

Office over Adams National Bank.

The Leading Agent

DOLLS, DOLLS,
Dolls, Dolls, Dolls, Dolls.

Headquarters for

Dolls of all Kinds.

Souvenir Free.

To every purchaser at our store between now and Christmas, we will give a pretty little Christmas souvenir.

Call and see our assortment of

All kinds of Toys, big and little

OUR PRICES WILL PLEASE.

Frank Fountain

Bank Street. North Adams, Mass.

Late Styles in SUITINGS,
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Our assortment is unusually large, embracing the latest on the market in foreign and domestic textures.

We can give you the best value for the least money of any house in the county.

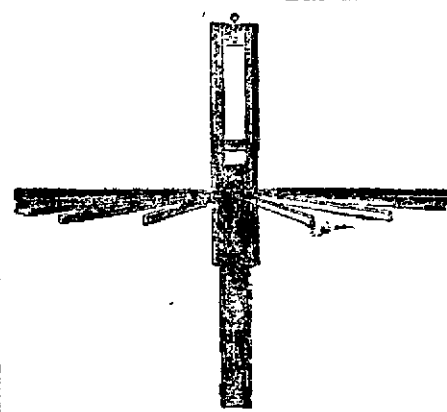
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When Folded.

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Thousands in use, always giving the best of satisfaction. For sale at

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A Delicious Beverage

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I know not what record of sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor because he was ignorant, or because he was black.

—John A. Andrew

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"WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY"

From the seal of the city of North Adams

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 17, '98

ADVERTISERS in The Transcript at the best business men in this community. Their advertisements are worth reading, and they are the firms with whom to trade most advantageously.

COMMUNICATIONS on live topics are solicited by The Transcript. They must be signed (not necessarily for publication) and be brief, to insure printing.

NO REASON FOR THE CHANGE.

Now on the eve of election, it is time to get down to common sense. We cannot begin better than by asking, why we should vote to change the city administration? In attempting to answer we will look back over the year. This retrospective look will show us much to commend and, no doubt, some things to disapprove of. We shall see in the main a conservative administration and our findings will prove to us that the city has been in absolutely honest hands. We shall not find that the mayor has thrown his influence on the side of extravagance and we shall not be able to find one instance of money spent needlessly or for political effect. We shall find that the year was one very full of emergencies, such as the serious damage to the streets, and that it made large demands on good judgment and high executive ability. These demands were met, we shall find, with a completeness that is at the present time very satisfying. The year's record contains no serious blunder; it contains nothing to lessen our confidence in the men who had charge of affairs, but on the contrary assures us that public affairs would be safe if left to the same executive force for the coming year. We say in all candor that we believe a disinterested examination of the closing year's public administration will bring us to this conclusion.

Having determined the character of the closing year's public administration and having come to a conclusion as to the result of leaving public affairs in present hands, we should look over the field and come to a conclusion regarding the claims of candidates and parties. We must make this examination from the point of view of bettering our public life. First, we may ask are we assured that the election of Mr. Goodrich would tend to such a betterment? Mr. Goodrich has contented himself with running on a platform that may be considered a class platform as well as a party one. No one can dispute the claim that the platform of the democrats does not differ materially from the platform of the Workingmen's league. It is full of evidence proving that it was drawn for the purpose of catching votes and not drawn on lines of high general welfare. We have not one word derogatory to say about the league and its platform. On the contrary we have had much to say in their favor because we believe the workingmen's interest should be carefully considered and guarded by the incoming administration. And we desire to see an expression of public opinion that will give the council warrant for legislating wisely in favor of the workingmen—the mayor cannot do it. But we are sure that a proper administration for this city is paramount to the claims of any class. And Mr. Goodrich must stand or fall by the assurances he has given us and the assurances in himself and in his campaign that his election would be more conducive to the general welfare than the re-election of the present mayor.

Now what is there to assure us? We do not care to subject Mr. Goodrich, his platform or his campaign to severe criticism, but we must answer this question and will frankly say that we have found nothing to give us the assurance we speak of. Will the friends of Mr. Goodrich claim for him a business ability, an honorable and successful career or an honesty of purpose superior to that which has made H. Torrey Cady respected in every home in this city and honored in the state? We think no such daring and unfounded claim will be made. We must state that Mr. Goodrich is an honorable man, and we will take the statement of his friends that whatever he promises that he will perform. Then we must ask, what has Mr. Goodrich promised that entitles him to be elected above Mr. Cady? No satisfactory answer can be given us, for Mr. Goodrich has publicly promised nothing. His platform states some things, he "believes" in and he most wisely refrains from promising. It pleases us to be able to infer from this that Mr. Goodrich knows that what he believes in is not his to make good were he elected. But no one can be pleased with a platform that has the loophole hidden up in it. We do not want platforms that

prophecy after effects like this: "Yes, yes, gentlemen, I know I stated in my platform that I believed in this you expect me to do, but you see how powerless I am to bring it about. I am bound by circumstances of your government over which I have no control."

It would be useless to dwell at greater length on this matter. However far we pushed our inquiry we should be able to come to no conclusion other than that we cannot do better than elect the republican candidate for mayor.

Republicans are republicans still.

Mr. Goodrich is good, but Mr. Cady is better.

Talk nonsense no longer and get down to business.

In what particular way is any candidate superior to Mayor Cady?

Show us how you would have improved on Mayor Cady's work.

Mayor Cady should be given a vote that will leave no doubt in anybody's mind.

No man named for the council is capable of giving public service equal to Valmore A. Whitaker.

Mayor Cady is the broadest-minded candidate in the field. He is a safe man, an honest man and a man of all the people.

The season of flirting is over. Return to your old love. If you don't there will be just grounds for a breach of promise suit.

Why should republicans vote for democratic nominees when they are not men superior to republican nominees.

Republicans will vote for Nominee Burch because he is a republican competent to fill the office of assessor for which he is a candidate.

The man who says republicans are going to desert the nominees of their party is making a statement which proves him to be green in politics.

There is not a man nominated for the council who has been of as much value to the city and can be of as much value to it as Valmore A. Whitaker.

Keep the council strong and elect H. Torrey Cady. This is the way to ensure good government for another year; it will keep the standard up so that it will be more difficult for those who will want to let down the bars a year from now.

Considerable latitude is and must be allowed in political discussion, but comparisons of candidates or political movements to the Carpenter of Nazareth are too foolish to command respect as argument and too sacrilegious to be accepted as humor.

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Everywhere Nerves

Depend simply, solely,

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Pure, rich, nourishing

Blood feeds the nerves

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The great nerve tonic is

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Cures nervousness,

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And all forms of

Impure blood

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The third institute of the Hoosac Valley Agricultural society for the year 1898, will be held at "The Idlewild" in South Williamstown, Mass., Thursday, December 23, 1898.

Morning session 10.45 a. m. Address by Eldridge Cushman of Lakeville, Mass. Subject: "The cost of a quart of milk." Afternoon session. Address by Mr. Cushman on "The cultivation of Indian corn." This meeting is for all ladies and gentlemen.

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FOR

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Fine Oak Frame Barber Chair, nearly new.
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2 elegant Stuart Stoves, 7 feet high.
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Several new Gold Coin Ranges and Parlor Stoves.
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4 large Deibold safes.
Lot of Geese Feather Pillows in new ticks.
23 Horse Blankets, fine ones.
3 sets new and second hand team harnesses.
Several fine Buggy Harnesses.
2 Wolf Robes.
2 new Forbes Portland Cutters. 2 good second hand.
3 sets heavy Bob Sleighs.
2 sets light business Bobs.
4 pair fine Opera Glasses.
2 Webster's Dictionaries.
Lot of elegant Parlor Clocks.
7 Fine Watches.
2 Violins, good ones.
14 elegant Pictures, large size.
2 large French Plate Mirrors in gilt frames.
Elegant Brass Bedstead and Mahogany Dresser.
Fine Black Walnut Chamber Suit, cost \$180.
4 Mantels in cherry, oak and walnut.
One 3 light, one 4 light, one 6 light Gas Chandeliers from the Bream mansion, Lenox.
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of nearly all the candidates to be voted for on Tuesday, and carefully prepared sketches of all of them.

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TONIGHT'S EVENTS.

Columbia theater—Elroy Stock company republican club meets.
pamy in "She".
Wilson theater—Final performance of Sevengala, the hypnotist.
Republican city committee meets.
Bakers' union, regular meeting.

Sunday's Events

Regular church services.
Independent club election of officers.
Organization of Sons of Abraham.
Division 10, A. O. H., regular meeting.
Rosary society of St. Francis, regular meeting.
F. M. T. A. society, regular meeting.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Secretary Hale of the local Y. M. C. A. has been appointed a committee of inter-visitations for the ninth district.

Troy has applied for membership in the Eastern baseball league, and local enthusiasts are hoping that a team can be placed there.

Supt. Neary had a large force of men scraping off the snow from the pond at Valley park this morning and now there is good skating there.

Reserved seat tickets for the cake walk to be held in Odd Fellows' hall, January 2, will go on sale at Bartlett's drug store Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The next meeting of the Monday club has been postponed until January 9 on account of other interests during the holidays. At the meeting on that day Mrs. Martha C. Guss will read a paper on Spain's attitude to her colonies.

A large party of young people assembled yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McKane, 22 Liberty street, to celebrate their son's first birthday. He was presented with a ham and a most enjoyable time was spent. Refreshments were served and all left well pleased.

Beginning at New Year's, the price of government stamped envelopes will be reduced largely on most of the sizes most used. There is to be no change in the style except that one or two styles will be withdrawn, for they are hardly used. No. 5, the common and most used envelope, will be sold at \$21.20 per 1000, reduced from \$21.50.

Almanacs and calendars for 1939 are arriving in large numbers, and the small children are hussling as usual to secure large collection of them. "Say, Mr. got any calendars?" is now a familiar cry to storekeepers, especially druggists. It is noticeable, however, that this passion for almanacs and calendars is not as widespread among children as it was a few years ago.

The Young People's society of the Congregational church will to emphasize the address of Miss Emily C. Wheeler of Auburn, a missionary from Turkey. Her subject will be: "Turkey, missionary in the mass of the martyrs, and answer to prayer," having herself come out of the massacre from among flying bullets, a "live missionary," after being wounded. At the recent state convention in Brockton, in an address Miss Wheeler met with much favor from a large audience, being highly endorsed as a "live" and interesting speaker. An invitation is extended to all who can attend.

Lieut.-Col. Weaver, U. S. A., mustering officer for the Massachusetts troops, has just received instructions from Washington to muster out the Sixth Massachusetts regiment, to which Frank Roseman and Harry Fillebrown of this city belong. The companies will assemble on January 2, at their own armories. It will take from 10 to 15 days to complete the muster, out papers and physical examination. The visit of the paymaster will be an interesting one and he will have to appear loaded with a good deal of money, for there are two months' full-rat duty, mileage, ration allowance and other items due the men, all of which will have accumulated to a large sum.

A BRADSTREET REPORTER

Got Into Trouble and Then Got Out Again With No Harm Done.

Perhaps your company would be interested in knowing something of my experience with coffee drinking. For a long time there was no pleasure in my breakfast, for immediately after eating it I was in pain, suffering from indigestion, and generally became so sick to my stomach that I was compelled to throw part of my breakfast up.

I did not know what the cause of the trouble was until one of my friends who had been affected in the same way told me that he had not entirely over his difficulty by quitting the use of coffee, and using in its place the Postum Food Coffee, from which he obtained remarkable results. I made a change without any trouble, for the Postum was (after one or two failures, and we found out how to boil it properly) better than the coffee I had been accustomed to.

In about three weeks I was so well that I found I could drink regular coffee without having the old trouble, but I could not get back to like herry coffee again, the Postum tastes so much better to me, and the fact that I keep getting stronger and sturdier in every way convinces me that I am living a more natural life.

I find it is best to boil Postum steadily and not let it boil too hard so as to scold over, but it should be allowed to continue boiling a long time or it does not taste right. When it is allowed full length of time for boiling, it is certainly delicious. I enclose a list of ten names of friends who have all been cured of their indigestion by leaving off coffee and using Postum.

Jerome Lacey Bensink, 37 No. 50th street, Philadelphia, Pa. Reporter for Bradstreet Company.

—A daughter, Helen Potter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Savage of the Idlewild, this morning.

—Elder C. E. Brewster, an Evangelist of Old Orchard, Me., will conduct services tomorrow at the Chestnut street chapel.

—About \$50 will be realized for the little girl whose watch is to be raffled today and it is very probable that when she goes to school she will have the same watch to carry.

—President W. B. Plunkett of the Home Market club called upon President McKinley in Washington this week and secured his acceptance of the invitation of the Home Market club to attend their annual dinner in Boston.

—James Canning of this city has been promoted to engineer on the Fitchburg railroad. He has been fireman on what is known as the "cannon ball" the fast express freight that goes through this city at 9.25 p. m. He will run out of Rotterdam.

—The Transcript frequently receives items of news sent in by friends who in many cases neglect to give their names. News from any quarter is always welcomed, but persons sending it in should give their names in every instance as a guaranty of good faith.

—The social and dance in Odd Fellows' hall Friday evening by Onece lodge for Odd Fellows and their families passed off pleasantly, though there was not so large an attendance as was expected. Stuel's orchestra furnished the music and the catering was by Hosford & Co.

Valley park and will open a skating rink there. The bicycle skate will be used and as this is a comparatively new departure it is believed that it will be very successful. People from this city and Adams will patronize the rink. This kind of pastime is growing in favor and it will be tried here. Expert skaters will also be engaged to give exhibitions. The new rink will be opened as soon as possible.

—H. Sene, the Baptist missionary who has been working in the city for two or three months, traveling from house to house and selling bibles, and giving them to such as could not afford to buy, will leave next week to take up similar work in Easthampton. Mr. Sene was given a reception Friday evening at the home of Mr. Dennault on State street. A good sized company assembled and the evening was passed very pleasantly. Refreshments were served.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. E. M. Dickinson and Mrs. J. M. Darby are in Boston to attend the funeral of their sister, Mrs. W. C. Richardson, which will be held tomorrow. Mrs. Richardson was well known here.

—Mr. and Mrs. George M. Darby returned Friday night from a few days' visit in Boston.

Supt. I. F. Hall will go to New York Tuesday afternoon to visit schools for a few days.

Mrs. Russell Eddy returned today to her home in Johnsonville, N. Y., after a two weeks' visit with relatives in the city.

Mrs. Maria Scriven went to Johnsonville, N. Y., today to visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Henry returned today to their home in Pittsfield after a short visit with their daughter, Mrs. William White of Meadow street. They will start for Florida next Tuesday to spend the winter.

Representative R. B. Harvey was in Pittsfield Friday night to attend the dinner given at Hotel Wendall to the Berkshire senators and representatives by Senator Whittlesley of Pittsfield.

Will Discuss Williams Taxation.

The ninth annual meeting of the state association of assessors will be held in Boston next Wednesday, and while the local assessor will not be represented, the discussions will be of much local interest. The following topic has been selected for discussion: An estate probated in a state outside of Massachusetts, which consists of railroad shares and real estate and held by three trustees for the benefit of the widow and son who are also trustees; the son moves into Massachusetts—what are his liabilities for taxation in this state? Opened by President Cundage.

An address will be given by ex-President Hills on the exemption of college property and the Williams college decision. General discussions on matters relating to taxation will also be held.

Church Services Tomorrow.

METHODIST—The pastor, Rev. J. A. Hamilton, will preach at both services. The morning subject will be: "Crying unto God." In the evening he will give the ninth in the series of addresses discussing the question as to whether "Satan" is a word used to designate wrong action or a personality. The subject for tomorrow's address is: "A look at the 'Old Serpent' and his tricks."

CONGREGATIONAL—Rev. W. L. Tenney will preach in the morning the fourth of the series of Christmas sermons on the general subject: "He came unto his own." In the evening Miss Emily C. Wheeler, a returned missionary from Harpoot, Turkey, will deliver an address on her work. She will also speak at the Christian Endeavor society meeting.

BAPTIST—Rev. J. H. Spencer will preach in the morning on "A prayer opened by prayer." In the evening the series of sermons on the Lord's prayer will be continued. The sermon on "Our heavenly father" announced for last Sunday evening was not given, a sermon introductory to the series taking its place and it will be given tomorrow night.

CENTRAL WANTS THE NUMBER.

Telephone Operator Can't Make Connections By Names. Other Telephone News.

The New England telephone company has issued orders to many of its exchanges to enforce strictly the rule requiring that connections be not made unless the calls state the number of the stations that are wanted. This rule has been nominally in force for a long time, and in large cities is enforced strictly. Manager Steadman reports that the rule has always been enforced in this city much better than in many places, and local operators have lived up to it as strictly as is possible. In many cases the operators are asked to make connections where the subscriber does not know the number he wants, and is too tired to look it up. Often the operator is obliged enough to do this, and the result is that the operator spends considerable time in looking up the number, frequently delaying other subscribers in so doing. With the new orders, however, all this will stop wherever it has been practiced.

The rule, of course, allows several exceptions. These are when the subscribers are unable to find a number, in the case of a new station when the operator knows that the number has not been included in the book, and emergency calls, like those for the fire department, the police, or for a doctor. It is believed that in the end this rule will improve the service.

In connection with telephone numbers, Manager Steadman wishes it stated that the call books recently issued, of which mention was recently made in these columns, are absolutely unauthorized, and frequently incorrect. They were issued as advertising schemes, and include the names of many firms and persons who have no telephones. They should be destroyed by all who have them, as their use will result in confusion. The call lists of the telephone exchange are copyrighted, and no one has a right to use them in this way for advertising purposes.

Two changes in telephone rates have been made which will prove of interest to many. Subscribers to the measured service will be allowed 500 instead of 400 calls without extra charge, and the mileage service, where the subscriber pays in proportion to the distance of his instrument from the central exchange, has been reduced nearly one half. This applies locally to the subscribers in Williamstown and Pownal.

News of the Theaters

A lively week at the theaters close tonight with Sevenala's final hypnotic performance at the Wilson and "She" by the Elroy Stock company at the Columbia.

Next week there is only one show at the Wilson, "Johnny on the Spot." There is nothing in the regular show line at the Columbia, the events being Harry Browne's lecture Tuesday and a play by the French dramatic club. Harry Browne's lecture will be the event of the week and may be counted on to fill the theatre.

The Independent club will elect officers Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. All members are requested to be on hand.

CHESHIRE.

An interesting program was given at the musicale by the Ladies' Reading club at Greylock villa last evening. J. A. Brackin V. S. of Pittsfield was in town today.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Anthony, who have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Kinsey, returned to their home in Smyrna, Del., today.

Frank Willis, formerly of this place, and now professor of chemistry at the institute of technology at Potsdam, N. Y., and Miss Adda Barnes of Lockport, Mass., are to be married at Lockport Thursday December 29.

Rev. G. E. Whitehouse will take for the subject of his sermon tomorrow morning "Overcoming our passions." In the evening he will preach from "A determination realized."

Stop Coughing

Every cough makes your throat more raw and irritable. Every cough congests the lining membrane of your lungs. Cease tearing your throat and lungs in this way. Put the parts at rest and give them a chance to heal. You will need some help to do this, and you will find it in

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BLACKINTON.

The Blackinton schools closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation. They will reopen January 2.

Vernor Sjastrom of Lawrence spent a short time in town this week as the guest of Charles E. Washburn and family.

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No other preparation has ever done so many people so much good as Hood's Sarsaparilla, America's Greatest Medicine.

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Six months ago, 'mid thundering guns, In Cuba's cause, fought our brave sons; Xmas time brings signs of peace—

Millions glad that war should cease.

Our own boys have made a name, Nothing need to cause them shame.

Time will only serve to brighten History's page—the world enlighten,

Spain an awful lesson learned

When our Uncle Sam she spurned.

If you would the story hear, Told by one in manner clear.

HARRY BROWNE will tell you how

UNCLE SAM wound up the row—

Next TUESDAY NIGHT, now mark the date—

COLUMBIA THEATER, hour of EIGHT.

Let every one who can be present.

Enjoy yourself—he'll make it pleasant.

SIX MONTHS WITH UNCLE SAM—don't miss it.

An hour and a half with Harry visit.

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UMBRELLAS—Close rollers, natural wood handles.

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Call and allow us to help you make a selection that will please the recipient—something that is all right.

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FANCY CHAIRS in Inlaid Mahogany, Golden Oak and Antique Oak.

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THE CHILDREN will not be disappointed for we have an endless variety of sled, sho-flys, doll carriages, doll go carts and hobby horses.

A large stock of framed and unframed pictures to select from. We have the finest line of Picture Mouldings in the city to select from. Hundreds of new patterns just in.

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A POOR LITTLE GIRL.

She never ran with a hoop, nor blew soap bubbles out of a pipe, nor knew all her days what a world of fun it was to amuse and amuse and amuse. She was born to wealth and a house of pride. And must be proper and dignified.

Dear little girl! I am and for you. They have stolen your world of its roses. They have robbed the sweets of your childhood.

And stolen your years and your dreams away. And you are a little girl no more, your little martyr in pinfold.

I frankly own I would shrink to face your accusing eyes at the throne of grace. I tremble to think what the King may mete to the culprit cowered at the judgment seat. Who has taken a child that was made to sing and sinned the song down at the King!

—Joseph Dana Miller in Criticism

AN EXPERIMENT.

When I dropped into Clarissa's studio on that eventful morning, I did not expect anything very eventful to happen. Much less was I conscious of the fact that I was going to join a conspiracy—a deliberate thought out plot directed against the future of my all important self and hatched by Clarissa herself.

During the five years that we had been "comrades of the brush" nothing had occurred which would justify, and we were not each other's doubts quite frankly and fearlessly. It is true that Clarissa had been a bit funny lately, but that was partly my own fault. For she had made a study of a girl's head for which I had a sneaking admiration, and it seemed to particularly annoy her that I always turned to tint cream. This morning I felt mischievous and stopped there longer than usual.

"George!" I did not hear. "George!" I called. "No answer." "George!" I called. "Did you speak?" said I looking startled. Clarissa stamped her little foot. "I shall put that picture away altogether if you come here mooning like this and won't talk to me. What an impressionable fellow you are!"

"Hoist ho!" said I. "And pray, miss, why am I impressionable?" "Well," said I, "you seem to be struck with every pretty face you see." "A man's privilege," I interrupted. "And—ah—with every sentimental tale you hear!"

"A sign of my good nature," I said. "I do believe if I had not been chosen so long that I could make you fall in love with me now if I liked to try."

I immediately became cautious. "You have a very pretty face, Clarissa," I said. "And I have no doubt that I should have fallen in love with you when we first met if you had only told me a sentimental tale!"

"Now, George," impatiently, "let us be serious. Are you fond of me as much as you say?" "I would not mind if I flirted with Mr. Jones for a whole evening!"

"Ten million Joneses would not move me," I answered. "If that is the case," said Clarissa firmly, "we will try an experiment. Let us drop our platonic friendship for a time, and I will see if I cannot arouse in you the same emotion as you have in me."

"It's quite impossible," I said. "I know all your faults, and you would not have the ghost of an chance."

"Really, George, you underestimate my powers. You do not imagine that I am serious, and you are so convinced that you think you are impervious. However, I will see if I cannot succeed."

"Clarissa," she said, "I will break up all our camaraderie. Besides (a happy thought) you know you might fall in love with me."

"There!" exclaimed Clarissa, clapping her hands. "Didn't I say you were contented? The idea is absurd!"

"Absurd!" I sneered. "Very well, I will accept your challenge, but mind you, Clarissa, I can fight desperately, and if I am making an impression on you I will propose. What will happen then?"

"Then? Oh, nothing at all! We shall just take Punch's advice and won't. But of course you will never screw your courage up to that point."

"Don't you?" I cried. "And you will have to keep pretty wide awake, because I shall reserve the liberty of flirting with other girls!"

"Punch! I shan't care. Now, George, please go and give me time to think it over. We will commence our experiment tomorrow."

As I went I chuckled to myself. What a time I would have! I would make Clarissa jealous and beat her at her own game.

Next day I called at Clarissa's house, eager for the fray.

"Out! Didn't she think I was coming?" "Oh, yes," they said, "she expected you, but left word that she was obliged to go out!"

"Where has she gone?" "They did not know. Oh, well, I am sure I didn't care one little bit! Happy thought! I would stroll down the High Street and see if I could not meet any other girls! I knew, and perhaps Clarissa might see me."

Stammering along, I soon met Mabel Carr, and we went into the confectioner's to have tea. Who should be sitting there at a small table but Clarissa—with Jones!

Clarissa nodded to me, smiled and went on talking. I got the wrong line for Mabel Carr and brought her a ham sandwich instead of a tea and she said she was fully sold that afternoon. Clarissa and Jones sat us out, and Jones had such a particularly snug look on his face as we left the shop that I could have gone back and punched his head.

The next day being Sunday, I went to church, because I saw Clarissa going. I tried to catch her eye during service, but she only looked at me once and then dropped her eyes and blushed.

Oh, thought I, we are getting on! But when the sermon began I found that Jones was sitting behind me. Hang Jones! Monday afternoon Clarissa's people were "at home," but I only got a few words with her.

"Clarissa," I said, "I call it a beastly shame the way you are treated!" "Now, George, I do not mind your being with Miss Carr."

"I was not thinking of Jones," said I. "Well, I have no time to talk now. Besides, we must not be seen too much together. Do get some tea." And off she tripped.

She has been too much for—thought I. Hang it! Clarissa is mean. How can I press my suit if she will not give me an opportunity?

I quite saw how it was. I must not give Clarissa any advantage, but must carry the war into the enemy's country.

Next day I wrote her a long letter, in which I dwelt on her unkindness in keeping away from me. I laid on the sentiment.

No. 7.

There is more to be said in this section of the country than at other districts, and we are, until the last few years was supposed to be the best. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and it was not until recently, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven that it is a constitutional disease, and, therefore, requires constitutional treatment. H. H. Chase & Co. manufacture and sell a local disease, and it is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the system, and cures the surface of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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You Can Without Taking Disagreeable Cod Liver Oil.

WE KNOW THIS TO BE A FACT.

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If You Find Vinol—Which Contains No Grease—Does Not Create Flesh, Your Money Will Be Refunded.

VINOL IS DELICIOUS AND DELICATE.

If you are losing flesh, something is wrong. Get back to your normal weight.

Do this by taking Vinol. Vinol creates new flesh tissue by aiding digestion and helping the stomach to obtain from ordinary food the elements necessary to make flesh.

O. B. Moses of 280 State Street, Boston, says: "I lost flesh to such an extent that I became greatly alarmed. I took Vinol. It did not upset my stomach and in aiding me to gain flesh in a manner that is very perceptible."

If you know of anyone who needs to build up, give Vinol a trial. We will refund the money in every instance where it fails to accomplish its purpose. We know of what we speak, and would like to have you investigate carefully by calling on us at our store.

SONNET TO A REJECTED SPRING.

Poor child of spring who didst boldly spring like a suppliant Pallas from thy parent's brain, All armed in gold of proof, and then wounded.

Leap further yet and on exulting wing Rise to the summit of the printer's press! But cruel hand hath suppl'd thy buds and arms, Hath sold thy gladder and dilled thy dress! Where are thy "glend and moon" and "sky serenades?"

All, all are blotted by the mud of the pen, And lie unheeded in their paper grave. Weep, gentle spring! Sonneters, deplore, And weep—and keep the vow—you'll write no more!

A digression is a soundless plant upon which learners may become prudent with a knowledge of the keys of the instrument; also in the art of finger—

THE PARIS OF TODAY.

A Successful Stage of the City Would Now Be Impossible.

The French have been taught wisdom by past experience, and as a result have planned and a few years ago finished a system of fortifications round Paris which are probably unequalled for the purposes for which they are intended by any similar fortifications in the world.

A well informed military writer, a member of the general staff of the German army, has given it as his opinion that a successful stage of Paris would be under present conditions an impossible undertaking.

The new fortifications that surround the French capital are some 15 or 20 miles from the city and are connected with Paris and with each other by a railway system which would enable the French commander to quickly mass at one point a very large body of men, while the general of the besieging army, if he wished to prevent the city from obtaining supplies, and thus shut in the people and the army that was defending it, would have to occupy a line extending over 100 miles, and hence could not by any possibility collect a large number of his force at any one point to resist with even a shadow of hope an attack of the defender.

It required a German army of approximately 500,000 men to lay siege to Paris from Sept. 19, 1870, to Jan. 28, 1871, but the authority we refer to is of the opinion that to repeat the same operation a German besieging army would have to number more than 2,000,000 men, and the work of maintaining such a force and properly handling it would be something which few governments would care to undertake and few military commanders would be able to efficiently perform.

The French have spent upon these new fortifications an amount variously estimated at from 4,000,000 to 10,000,000, and hence can afford to sell the land occupied by some of the now obsolete fortifications of a generation ago.—*Fortress Weekly.*

In the absence of oxygen, the microbe of consumption dies.

Prof. Frankland, Ph. D. of London, has plainly proved that cod-liver oil consumes in the body almost three times the amount of oxygen that starches or sweets do. Scott's Emulsion is cod-liver oil partly digested and combined with hypophosphites, it is more valuable than the plain oil and in all conditions of wasting its marvelous reconstructive properties are unequalled.

50c. and \$1.00, all druggists.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

Occupation is one great source of enjoyment. No man properly occupied was ever miserable.—L. E. London.

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Christmas Greetings!

IT seems almost as if the interior of this store were one Gigantic Christmas Tree. On every hand are evidences of the happy holidays which are fast approaching. This year we intend that this store shall be a useful Christmas store, because we expect that here you will be able to find that what we have to show you will be lower priced than elsewhere.

We expect this will be a pleasant store at which to do your Christmas Shopping, because there will be a large force of salespeople to attend to your wants. You will not be urged to buy. Come in and look at everything. Come and see for yourself of what this advertisement tells. Get our prices.

Useful and Practical Gifts are side by side with the Toys, Dolls and lesser Christmas trifles. SEVEN DAYS MORE for a "Great Christmas Carnival" at this store. COME; BRING THE CHILDREN. MAKE THE BEST OF IT.

Books
Games
Drums
Dolls
Albums
Brushes
Vases
Pictures
Mirrors
Sterling
Silver
Cloaks

Aprons
Cologne
Toilet Water
Blankets
Rugs
Fur Rugs
Draperies
Dress Patterns
Kid Gloves
Neckties
Suspenders
Umbrellas

The Cloak Department

A tremendous Christmas reduction of prices in our cloak department, hundreds of garments to go at holiday reduced prices. Don't miss the great cloak opportunity of the year.

35 finest grade jackets, some are handsomely braided trimmed, some are perfectly plain, every one is lined with a handsome silk lining, regular price is \$25, reduced for the holidays to \$15.00.

50 fine grade jackets, handsome lining, handsome trimmings, regular prices, \$15.00 and \$16.50, our holiday offering at only \$12.00.

35 plain cloth jackets, extra good value at \$7 and \$8, we offer them for the holiday rush at only \$5.00.

Children's and Misses' cloaks come in for a big price cut of about 33 1-3 per cent.

We have received for the holidays about 40 children's reefers, they are sample garments which we offer at 40 per cent below regular prices.

Silk Petticoats

Useful and practical.

A large assortment of plain and striped taffeta silk petticoats, regular price \$8.50, for the holidays at only \$5.48.

100 black taffeta and satin waists tucked front, pleated back, regular price \$5.00, for the holidays at only \$3.92.

Holiday Books

An ideal Christmas present is a book. Nothing seems to fulfill a Christmas want so much as a good book, nothing will give more pleasure. We've hundreds of books, no exaggeration to say that they are lower priced here than elsewhere. Read what these prices tell.

200 books, handsome Christmas bindings, authors such as, Anthony Hope, Hall Caine, Conan Doyle, Stevenson, Milton, Tennyson, Emerson, and a host of others. Holiday special sale of these 25 cent books is 13 cents.

500 books, red buckram binding, gilt title, gilt top, rough edge, among the writers are Conan Doyle, Dickens, George Eliot, Bulwer Lytton, publishers, price is \$1.00, our holiday price 29 cents.

Children's Picture Story Books

Hundreds of picture books for the little folks price 5 to 50 cents.

Visit our book department, you'll regret it if you don't.

Christmas Games

Hundreds of games at every price bringing the children.

Holiday Practical Presents

Dressing jackets in pink, blue, red and grey, prices \$9c., 98c. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$1.98.

One lot outing flannel dressing jackets, colors pink and blue, handsomely trimmed with wide satin ribbon, price \$1.25.

Ladies tea gowns, colors blue, red and grey, all wool flannel, trimmed with black assorted braid, \$4.50.

Flannelette wrappers, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25; in all colors and patterns.

Latest style percale wrappers trimmed with lace insertion flounced skirt, \$2.00.

Toilet Articles

An immense stock of toilet articles, especially desirable and suitably priced for our holiday trade.

Woodworth's perfumes, all odors put up in bottle with patent gold stoppers, come in fancy box. 39 cents each.

Woodworth's Holiday perfumes put up in bottle with faceted stoppers, two bottles in a box, \$1.00 as a box.

Woodworth's Imperishable Perfumes Violets of Sicily, Sweet Apple Blossom, Blue Lillies, and all others, one bottle in fancy box, 75 cents a box.

Box containing cake of Cashmere Bouquet soap, two bottles of Colgate's toilet water, attractive holiday price 39 cents a box.

Colgate & Co. Young People's Perfumes, 4 small bottles in a box, just the thing to please the little folks, 25 cents a box.

Perfume Atomizers, fancy glass, gold decoration, guaranteed to be perfect, 25, 30, 50, and 69 cents each.

We have a splendid stock of perfumes by the ounce.

Christmas Pocketbooks

If you don't know what to buy, walk through our store, stop at our pocket-book counter. Some very special holiday pocketbook values.

Seal pocketbooks, best quality leather lined, our holiday leader at a very low price for this grade, \$2.00 each.

Fine quality pocketbooks made from best French Lerant, sterling silver and gold plated corners, holiday value, \$1.25 each.

200 pocketbooks made from good quality leather, purchased for our holiday rush, your choice at 25 cents each.

200 pocketbooks, good quality leather, silver and gold corners, holiday value, 25 cents each.

Candy Department

A candy department has been added to our many other hustling busy departments. This candy department we intend to make the greatest candy distributing centre in North Adams. We have made special arrangements with leading candy manufacturers whereby we expect to dispose of tons of pure candies before the holidays.

Hundreds of pounds of fresh new Christmas candies, fresh for your Christmas trading.

10 CENTS POUND.

Fine fresh candies, made from purest ingredients, our special candy leader, 14c. pound.

Purest fresh candies, chocolate sugar coated almonds, cocoanut, bon-bons and a host of other candies, 20c. a pound.

Purest, fresh, best candies made, our own special holiday price, 35c. pound.

COMPARE OUR PRICE and the quality of our candy with what you can buy elsewhere.

Fine Underwear for Christmas

Cambrie skirts elaborately trimmed with lace and insertion, prices \$1.50 to \$5.00.

A fine assortment of night robes. One lot empire gowns handsomely trimmed with wide burgundy edging and insertion, price \$1.00.

One lot cambrie robes trimmed with val lace and insertion and ribbon, \$1.75.

Extra size night robes for stout ladies, 39c., \$1.00, \$1.50.

A full assortment of night robes from 50c. to \$5.00.

Flannelette night robes 50c to \$2.00.

Infants Wear

Long dresses 25c. to \$7.00.

Short dresses, 25c. to \$4.00.

Infants house jackets, all colors.

Long flannel skirts.

Flannel blankets.

Infants and children's bonnets, in white and colors.

Hand made bibs trimmed with val lace for Christmas.

Men's Furnishings Neckwear

Our 25c. line is unusually strong both in quality and price. We have this line in Tecks, four-in-hands, strings and band bows, 25c.

Our 50 cent line is made up of the finest creations in fine silks and satins and cannot be beaten in this city either in quality, patterns or price. We have this line in Ascots, Imperial, puffs, four-in-hands and Tecks.

Art Embroidery Department

Pin cushions, all colors, trimmed with lace and wide ruffle, prices range from 25c. to \$1.25.

Cut work novelties for our Christmas display, at prices suitable for this great store's great Holiday Carnival Sale. Read of values and prices.

Cut work round stand covers, 3x9, holiday price 19c.

Extra heavy cut work round and square stand covers, 12x12 in., holiday price 25 cents.

Extra value in round and square stand covers, 20x20 in., holiday price is 59 cents.

Very elaborate cut work stand covers, 24x24, our holiday leader, 69 cents.

Cut work squares, 36x36 in., holiday prices 50c. to \$5.00 each.

Holiday assortment of cut work pillow shams, prices from \$1.00 to \$3.50 a pair.

Cut work bureau and sideboard scarfs. Holiday price from 50 cents to \$2.00 each.

Umbrellas

We have never shown such a variety as we are showing for this holiday season.

Many umbrellas were made specially for us and cannot be found elsewhere.

Our line of novelties in handles comprises natural woods, natural silver trimmed, horns plain and silver trimmed, Dresdens hand painted, pearl, plain and silver trimmed, naturals gold trimmed and ebony's. Frames are all paragon and steel rods. The covering is silk warp, carolas, silk tafetas and silk serges, and piece yarn dyed silk tafetas, at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$5.50 each.

100 umbrellas for children in 24 and 26 inch, some steel rods, some wood, natural crook handles, paragon frames. Extra value at 50c., 75c. and 89c.

Initials engraved on any umbrella free.

Suspender Novelties

For the holidays in plain webbings, silk figured webbings, embroidered silk and satins. All of our suspenders are finished in the best possible manner and are put up one pair in a box, ranging in price from 25c. to 75c. per pair.

Children's Fur Sets

Large stock for the holidays at from \$1.00 to \$4.00 set.

Dress Skirts Made Up Free of Charges.

Black Crepons, special holiday values \$1.25 to \$2.50.

Shirt waist silks, 27 in. wide, holiday values in plaids, extra value 89c. yard.

Holiday Kid Gloves

What is more acceptable than a pair of kid gloves such a gift is useful and practicable. This big kid glove department is better prepared for the holiday season than ever. Never has this stock been so large nor have the goods been priced so low, everything in kid gloves, read our holiday price lists.

Our own "Special" 3 clasp kid glove, embroidered backs, extra holiday value at 75 cents a pair.

Our "Victoria" kid glove, 2 clasp, 4 buttoned and 4 hook black and all colors including the new greys guaranteed to be the equal of any \$1.25 glove, holiday price \$1.00 a pair.

Castor gloves, 2 clasp, all colors holiday price \$1.00 a pair.

The Derby kid glove, our holiday leader, \$1.25 pair.

Fownes noted dogskin gloves, 2 clasp, all colors, \$1.50 a pair.

Lined gloves, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Fownes Gloves are only sold here.

Useful Holiday Gifts

From the Rug Department

What will prove more acceptable than a handsome rug. Read our Christmas prices.

40 special Persian Wilton rugs 27x54 in. handsome rugs they are and extra good value at \$1.25.

Heavy double-faced Smyrna rugs, best quality, size 80x60 in., extra good Christmas value \$2.50.

Smyrna rugs, quality as above 36x72, an extra large rug, \$3.50.

FUR RUGS, splendid assortment at lowest holiday prices.

Carpet Sweepers

What will give more pleasure than this great labor saver. We sell Bissell's carpet sweepers, none other so good, prices \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Sterling Silver

Sterling silver novelties, will be shown here in a large and varied assortment at very lowest prices.

Our 19 cent assortment is an unusual one being lower priced and of greater variety perhaps than you will find elsewhere.

Our 50 cent sterling silver assortment of novelties will appeal to every one, every article is fully guaranteed and a great value.

Complete line of sterling silver and ebony toilet articles, match boxes, bon-bon spoons, hair brushes, bonnet brushes, cut glass vinegrettes with sterling silver tops, prices range from 25 cents to \$7.00 each.

Holiday Handkerchiefs

The preparation for our holiday handkerchief trade has been going on for many weeks. Unusual efforts have been put forth to place before you the best values in holiday handkerchiefs. No pains have been spared to make this our banner handkerchief year. See our window display of handkerchiefs, see our interior decoration of handkerchiefs, see our greater counter values in handkerchiefs.

Ladies hem-stitched and embroidered, and lace edge handkerchiefs regular price 10c, our holiday price is 5c each.

Ladies printed border and plain hem-stitched handkerchiefs, regular price 10 cents, our holiday price 5 cents each.

An unusual assortment of ladies' embroidered handkerchiefs, to be offered at our unusually low holiday prices, 12 1/2 cents each.

Ladies' handkerchiefs, all linen, hand drawn work, this handkerchief we call our leader at our low holiday price, 12 1/2 cents each.

Ladies' fine handkerchiefs, lace edge, our holiday special offering at 25 cents each.

Ladies' handkerchief, fine quality, lace edge, extra holiday value at only 50 cents.

Other handkerchiefs, lace edge, 33c, 37 1/2c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Ladies' embroidered handkerchiefs, special holiday value 19 cents each.

Other Christmas embroidered handkerchiefs, 15c, 25c, 33c, 37 1/2c, 50c, 75c, 89c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

We have purchased an exceptional value in ladies' swiss embroidered handkerchiefs, scalloped edge, with initial, there are 200 dozen in this lot, for our Christmas handkerchief sale, we offer them at half price, only 12 1/2 cents each.

Ladies' all linen hand embroidered initial handkerchiefs, holiday values 15 and 25 cents.

Duchess lace handkerchiefs at special holiday prices \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$6.50, and \$7.50.

Men's Handkerchiefs

White and woven borders, hem-stitched and hemmed at only 5 cents.

Men's white and colored border hem-stitched handkerchiefs at 10 and 12 1/2 cents.

Men's fine hemstitched, all linen 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 1 in. hem at 12 1/2c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 37 1/2c, and 50c.

Special men's initial, all linen, hand embroidered initial unlaundered at only 12 1/2 cents.

Men's initial laundered handkerchiefs at 25 and 50 cents.

Hosiery

Ladies' lace patterns in lisle thread, fancy boot patterns, and plain lisle threads, at 50c per pair.

Heavy cotton, black, and black with white soles, silk fleeced black and black with white soles, at 50c per pair.

Heavy cotton, and silk fleeced hose in black and black with white soles at 37 1/2c or 3 pair for \$1.00. Cashmere hose in plain and ribbed 25c, 37 1/2c and 50c per pair.

Ladies' wool jersey ribbed vest and pants, both white and natural, actual value \$1.00 at 87 1/2c, a garment.

Extra value in ladies' cotton jersey ribbed, fleeced vests and pants at 50c a garment.

Union suits cotton, cotton and wool, silk and wool and all wool, 59c, 87 1/2c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75, up to \$4.75.

Holiday Ladies' Neckwear

This holiday neckwear stock has been specially selected and priced for the few days before Christmas.

Fancy silk stock collars, all colors, special prices for now, 18c, 25c, 37 1/2c and 50c.

White oriental and chiffon ties, all prices, 50c to \$3.00 each.

Black silk ruffs for the neck, extra good holiday values, \$1.50 to \$6.00.

Black Ostreich feather boas, extra values at \$9, \$12 and \$15.

Electric seal collarettes, full sweep regular \$5.00 value, choice \$3.99.

Black Astrachan fur collarettes, full sweep holiday value at \$5.00.

Brown marten fur neck scarfs, full sweep holiday value at \$5.00.

Extra value brown marten scarfs tail clusters, holiday value \$12.00.

Electric seal neck boas, regular \$2.50 quality holiday value at \$1.98.

Holiday Veilings

Everything new in Veilings for our great holiday rush.

PEOPLE

who have been to the large cities to look returned to buy their gifts at

Dickinson's

and take pains to affirm that our stock is composed of just the **Best Thing to Be Had**, and that our

Prices Meet The Closest Competition.

From now until Christmas you are sure to find

DICKINSON'S,

Jeweler, Stationer,
Art Dealer, - -

fairly well crowded with customers and would ask that you make yourself perfectly at home in the store, not becoming impatient if its impossible to be waited upon immediately.

We have the goods you want.

Our prices will please you.

We want your trade

We will do our best to serve you promptly and to your satisfaction at

DICKINSON'S

YOU can get something for all your friends and relatives at our store. You can buy—

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| For Father— | For Brother— |
| A Thermometer | A Ride |
| A Revolver | A Jumper |
| A Pocket Knife | A Snow Shovel |
| | A Shot Gun |
| For Mother— | A Tool Chest |
| A Clothes Rack | |
| A Pair Scissors | For Somebody Else's Brother— |
| An Egg Beater | A Collar and Cuff Box |
| A Set Nut Picks and | A Star Safety Razor |
| Cracker from 25c to \$1.50 | A Razor Strop |
| | A Shaving Brush and Soap |
| For Sister— | For the Dog— |
| A Pair of Skates | A Collar |
| A Manicure Set | |

We have hundreds of other articles—every one useful and at prices that will please you. Come in and see our goods

The Burlingame & Darbys Co.

FRESH EVERY WEEK

Patients who are taking Emulsion of Cod Liver will appreciate the fact that we are making a fine Emulsion fresh every week. This valuable remedy for coughs, colds and consumption is always better when fresh and is so perfectly made that it can be taken by anyone. Guaranteed to produce flesh and do good. We are selling it at the very Low Price of 48c a Bottle.

KEARN'S PHARMACY, 39 Eagle St

- TO RENT.**
- House and lot situated between Fair grounds and Sand bank, north Adams, known as Charles Burdick place. Inquire by mail of W. J. Agan, 6404, Foster Hill, New York. \$175-61x.
- Cottage of 7 rooms on Richview Ave. Inquire at 105 Main Street. \$175-21.
- Tenement 25 Houghton street, 6 rooms and bath room, cellar and woodshed. Inquire at 26 Houghton street. \$175-32x.
- Best apartments in city for the money, corner Hobronk and Yale street. Everything new and up-to-date. \$175-11.
- Tenement of 6 rooms \$10 a month. 2. Barrow 6 East Main street. \$168-11.
- Very desirable apartment in New Blackinton block, steam heat, and in first class condition. Apply Joseph P. Reed, apt. 17, Main street. \$168-11.
- Five room tenement, second floor, good neighborhood, 67. Inquire at 6 Winter street. \$168-11.
- Tenement at corner of Cherry and Meadow streets. Apply at premises or H. A. Gallup. \$146-11.
- House, No. 1 Church place. \$168-11.
- Five new flats 17 and 17 1/2 Spring street, near 67. Inquire at 105 Main street. \$168-11.
- Ten room house, No. 1 Quincy st. Inquire on premises. \$120-11.
- Up stairs tenement No 111 Eagle street, in good repair. Inquire on premises. \$120-11.
- Five room tenement, Owen Morris, 12 Houghton street. \$168-11.
- House of 7 rooms, steam heat, store and barn. Robert L. Harrow, 5 Elm street. \$168-11.
- Single house of 8 rooms, bath, centrally located. Inquire 112 River street. \$152-11.
- Office corner Bank and Main street. Boland block, steam heat and running water. Inquire P. J. Boland. \$152-11.
- Tenement 8 rooms, 21 High street, \$12 per month. Inquire on premises. \$146-11.
- Five room tenement, brick bl. cl., new lot and and cold water. Center street. C. F. Harden. \$132-11.
- Steam heated tenement in Arnold place. Inquire at 105 Main street. \$120-11.
- Furnished room to rent. 3 Ashland st.
- Six room cottage, hot and cold water and bath new and clean, rent cheap. Inquire U. S. Kemp, 22 East Quincy st. \$125-11.
- Four room tenement on Washington avenue. All modern improvements. Inquire at office of P. J. Abbe. \$101-11.
- Nine room tenement on Pleasant street. Steam heat, d. all modern improvements. Inquire at 105 Main street. \$168-11.
- Modern apartment, 6 rooms, 105 Eagle street. \$137-11.**
- Tenement corner Chase avenue, all modern improvements. Inquire 8 Ashland street.**
- Furnished rooms, 16 Morris street. Inquire of Wm. H. Bennett, 2 Adams National Bank Building. \$111-11.**
- A new modern tenement, with steam heat. B. J. Boland. \$168-11.**
- Tenements and barn. Mrs. F. P. Brown 142 East Main street.**
- Nice tenement, 19 1/2 Veazie street. Inquire 12 Bank street, 657. \$120-11.**
- Desirable tenement on Glen avenue. H. A. Gallup, Boland block.**

WANTED.

Want to purchase whole or part interest in some fruit established business. Address: Business, Trau crop Office, W 122-11.

A few horses to keep during winter. New box stalls, large paddocks. Condition guaranteed. Write for price etc. E. C. Barber, Pownal Vt. \$159-21.

Rooms and board in private family, 10, 12, 14 and child. Address "B" Transcript Office, stating terms. W 178-21.

LOST.

A Scent Pin between Ball street and Union street. Finder please return to A. E. Cleveland, Richmond House. \$172-21.

FOR SALE.

A Child's Sleigh as good as new. Inquire at 46 Prospect Street. \$12-11.

Xmas Trees from 25c up. Address me and will call on you. Lock box 28, City. W 10-11.

A great bargain. My home 39 West Main street. Possession given in one month. Henry A. Tower. \$75-11.

A fine Mare, 5 years old, by Chesterland, born by anyone. 1000 pounds, warranted sound, kind, not afraid of fire. A BARE animal. Will field Auction and Commission Co. See their advertisement in another column for long list of horses and other goods to be sold at Saturday's auction at 2 and 7 p. m.

For Fifty Cents. A new and improved multi cure, making work non-stopping, blood pure. 60c. St. All druggists.

CAMPAIGN CLOSING.

City Committees and Municipal League Putting on Finishing Touches.

WHAT THE LEADERS SAY TODAY

Of Tuesday's Chances at the Polls. Bets on the Size of Dobson's Vote. Both Republicans and Democrats Speculating on it.

The last week before election closes tonight with the local political situation in very quiet shape. It has been noticeable throughout that the campaign was wonderfully quiet in every quarter. The present topics of discussion are councilmen, and Dobson's candidacy for mayor. Most of the talk in republican and democratic ranks just now is devoted to attempts to prove that Dobson's vote will weaken the other side.

It was at first believed that his vote would cut chiefly from Goodrich's strength, besides keeping the socialist vote down. The democrats are now diligently circulating the opinion that it will cut Cady quite as much.

Betting on the election is very slight, and the only wagers recorded are on the size of Dobson's vote. Several have been reported on the question of whether his vote would exceed Goodrich's or not and the holders of the Dobson end are for the most part looked upon as entirely overconfident. The city republican club will meet tonight and the republican city committee will meet also, to close up the final arrangements for their side of the contest.

The democratic city committee met last evening, with most of the democratic candidates, and made final arrangements for Tuesday's election. There was considerable discussion of the necessity of getting out every democratic voter. The members of the committee and the candidates expressed confidence that this could be done the party would make a good showing, especially on councilmen. An effort will be made before Tuesday to reach every voter, and insure his presence at the polls.

The W. C. T. U. held a meeting yesterday and discussed the candidacy of Mrs. Potter for school committee.

The school committee matter is creating more or less talk, and it was rumored this afternoon that the friends of Reed would vote for him alone.

The Dobson mass meeting in Blackinton last evening was well attended, and Mr. Dobson's speech was well received. The league is planning to close its campaign Monday with another meeting in Odd Fellows hall.

The socialists will hold their closing rally in the school hall at Blackinton Monday evening. Former meetings scheduled have not been held.

BIG RAID AT CHESHIRE.

Sleigh Load of Liquor Secured and Three Men Arrested. One Escapes.

A general successful raid was made at the Cheshire Friday afternoon when a posse of officers visited the Cheshire Inn, Thomas Callahan's and John F. Boulger's places in "Scrabbletown." All three proprietors were taken by surprise and as a result beer, whiskey and various other liquors were seized. Landlord Blush and his hired man were arrested as was Thomas Callahan. John Boulger, formerly of this city, got away. Sheriff Reynolds of Cheshire, Pierce of Dalton and Murphy of Hinsdale went to the hotel. Officers Wood and White of Pittsfield and Whipple of Adams surprised Mr. Callahan and Officers Fish, Dean and Flynn of Pittsfield raided Boulger's place.

Taken all together the officers got a large quantity of intoxicants, and loading it on a wood sleigh brought it to Adams where it was stored.

The men arrested were brought to Adams in a hack and gave bonds for their appearance in court this morning. The three men all pleaded not guilty in court, and were held for trial December 27. There were three charges against Blush, four against his hired man, and six against Callahan. They were held under bonds of \$300, \$400, and \$600 respectively. From the number of charges, it was believed that spotters had been at work for some time.

Masquerade in North Pownal.

Quite a number from this city attended a masquerade ball in North Pownal Friday night and they pronounced it a highly successful and enjoyable event. There were about 50 couples in attendance. The costumes were elegant and the hall was very prettily trimmed. Music was furnished by the premier orchestra of this city, with Harry C. Browne, prompter, and the supper was furnished by Hosford & Co. Besides those from this city there were people present from Adams, Blackinton and Williamstown. A few drove, but most of them went by rail, returning on the 1.50 a. m. express, which stopped at North Pownal for their accommodation.

Charity Ball Committee.

A meeting was called this week of those interested in the charity ball, and committees were appointed for the various arrangements. The chairmen are as follows: Tickets, Mrs. H. A. Gallup; printing, Mrs. A. W. Chipendale; music, Miss Elmore; hall decorations, Miss Russell; general arrangements, Mrs. George Owens.

Parker Had Resigned.

Deputy Sheriff Parker has stated to friends that his resignation as deputy was in Sheriff Fuller's hands before the deputies were appointed this year. Sheriff Fuller, he says, was therefore free to do as he pleased.

LADY'S CAKE.

Its new. Have you tried it? If not do so, and see what a delicious cake we are making and selling at 15 cents.

McNEILL, the Eagle street Caterer, CHRISTMAS BOXES. Beautiful little candy boxes for Christmas entertainments, in the shape of a pretty little sled or a toy trunk at McNEILL'S, Eagle street.

STOLE MUFFLERS AND A WATCH.

Two Local Girls Plead Guilty in Springfield Court.

Chief Kendall received word from Inspector Boyle of Springfield last evening that two local girls, giving their names as Bessie Martin and Mary Sullivan were under arrest in Springfield for larceny. They were arrested Thursday, and pleaded guilty to the larceny of a watch and several mufflers in Indian Orchard, one of the suburbs of Springfield. Their cases were continued till Monday to allow time for investigation.

The two girls are well known here. The one giving her name as Bessie Martin is a daughter of John de Forge, and five years ago ran away and married a man named Martin. She was only 14 years old at the time. She is now living with her husband now.

The girl who calls herself Mary Sullivan is Mary Barbury of this city, and while the police do not know of any marriage, she has gone by the name of Sullivan. Less is known of her by the police than of her companion.

The two were here until last week Friday, when they left together, going probably directly to Springfield.

Smile, and Be Happy.

Wilson theater was crowded Friday evening for the Y. M. C. A. course lecture by Dr. A. A. Willets on "Sunshine, or the Secret of a Happy Life." Dr. Willets is a very entertaining speaker, and kept the audience in laughter much of the time, while the lecture was filled with good solid sense. He said that the average person did not appreciate the joys of mere living, and that if a person would make the most of his opportunities here, the doctor would guarantee his happiness in the next world. He called attention to the happiness in the one physical sense of taste, and declared that the fact that a man could enjoy three meals a day for 365 days in the year was one that should be appreciated. The lecture was one of the most enjoyable that the city has heard this season.

Basket Ball Meeting.

A meeting of the basket ball league managers was held last evening and the opening prospects of the league discussed. The report on the receipts for the games Thursday night was very satisfactory considering the fact that it was the first night and that ladies were admitted free. The outlook for a successful season seemed bright.

The next games will be played Thursday night and next week and the teams will line up as follows: Independents vs. Hand-in-Hands. Herald vs. Drury, Hunters vs. Y. M. C. A. The teams had had little practice before their first games, one or two of them never having played together before, and the fact that they put up such satisfactory exhibitions promises well for the future.

Grange Convention Closed.

The annual convention of the Massachusetts State grange, at which several Berkshire members were present has closed at Worcester. It was voted to ask the legislature to make adequate appropriation to exterminate the gypsy moth and carry out the provisions of the law relating to tuberculosis in cattle. State roads are favored and local hearings to determine their course asked for. The inspection of stables is urged. The matter as to whether the grange is to take up the fight against milk contractors abandoned by the New England Milk Producers' union was left to a special committee.

Caught Her Dog, But Lost Her Purse

Mrs. James Peters of this city, according to the Troy Times, lost her pocketbook containing \$35 in the waiting room at the Union station this week, while awaiting a train. She had a poodle dog with her and when it started to run into the street she chased it, leaving her pocketbook on the seat. Returning with the dog she met a woman coming out the door to catch an Albany local, who told her that she saw two men take the pocketbook. The woman hastened on her way and the men she pointed out were examined and found to be innocent of the theft. It is thought that the woman who boarded the local had the pocketbook.

Clan McIntyre's Annual.

The annual meeting of Clan McIntyre was held Friday evening. Various reports were read and were very satisfactory. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Chief, P. C. McIntyre; tanist, A. G. Ford; recording secretary, H. R. Gilles; chaplain, Samuel Ralston; financial secretary, Thomas McDougall; treasurer, Thomas B. Ferguson; senior henchman, James McIntyre; junior henchman, James Ralston; seneschal, Edward Ralston; warden, George Hardman; sentinel, J. M. G. Miner; standard bearer, John Malcolm; piper, James Black; trustee, Andrew Kinney.

Crafts Appointed Deputy Sheriff.

Sheriff Cheney was in Greenfield yesterday and made the announcement that he had settled the contest at Shelburne Falls for the position of deputy sheriff by appointing Perry F. Crafts to succeed H. S. Swan, who had held the appointment for 36 years, but who has declined further service. Mr. Crafts was formerly a local man, having been in the wall paper business on State street about a year, a few years ago. He went from here to Shelburne Falls.

Rev. Fr. Meehan's First Mass.

Rev. Patrick J. Meehan of this city who was ordained to the priesthood at Montreal this morning is a member of the Father Mathew society of Blackinton and has extended an invitation to the society to attend his first mass at Williamstown on Christmas morning, 10 o'clock. He is a young man who by hard work and diligent study has especially fitted himself for his calling and his many friends are confident that his life's work will be successful.

The Ideal orchestra will assist in the musical program at St. Francis church on Christmas.

CITY GARBAGE.

City Should Collect It and Use it at City Farm.

SO BOARD OF HEALTH THINKS.

Interesting Annual Report of the Board Filed Yesterday. 2134 Tons of Garbage Collected During Year. Excellent Financial Showing.

The annual report of the board of health was filed yesterday afternoon. It is one of the most interesting documents of any of the departments. In addition to the statistics of work done it contains one recommendation of unusual interest. This is in regard to the collection of garbage, and advises that when the present contract expires, the city do the work and make the deposits at the city farm.

This, the board believes would make the collection cheaper for the city, and would at the same time furnish the city farm with much valuable fertilizing material. During the past year there were 2,134 tons of garbage collected and the price paid by contract for the work was \$3,208.31. This is the largest single item in the expenses of the board. The work has been excellently done, the report says, by W. A. Ballou.

Another interesting fact is that with an appropriation of \$6,000 the board overhauled only \$22.19, spending about \$45 less than the year before and doing more work, caused by the inspection of stables and the vaccination of school children.

The board recommended for sewer work next year the immediate completion of the sewer through East Union street to the "live roads," also Fuller street, and as soon as possible through State and Walnut streets. The number of connections made this year was 293, only about half as many as last year. This is due to the completion of less sewer work and to the fact that connections with sewers previously built had been kept up closely.

The rest of the report deals mostly with the routine work done, most of which has been recorded in the papers. Hawkers and peddlers have been granted 261 licenses and 66 nuisances have been abated. Contagious diseases have been greatly decreased, the facts on this point having been already published. There have been 319 deaths, as against 333 last year. The cholera infantum cases have been much fewer, due, the board thinks, to the ice and milk ordinance enforcement. Ten countries were represented as birth-places in the death records.

The board expresses its appreciation of Agent Boughton's work, the amount and excellence of which is shown in the report of what has been done. It is a busy position and Mr. Boughton has been most faithful in the discharge of his duties.

Pres. Carter Signs "Anti" Petition.

The signature of President Carter of Williams college to the protest of the anti-imperialist league started in Boston is among the most recent expressions of the academic approval of the purposes of the league. The same sheet was signed by several of the professors of the college.

Secretary Winslow of the league is forwarding protests to Senator Hoar daily, from 200 to 300 names going by each day's mail.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the league held this week the main subject for consideration was the calling of a council for the formulation of an alternative plan to substitute for that of annexation. The plans of the league in this direction have not yet assumed any very definite form, but the present proposition is to call upon several distinguished economists who approve the league's movement to present a joint report suggesting some practical alternative for annexation.

Remaining Wright Property Sold.

The administrators of the estate of the late A. B. Wright have sold to J. A. Neal of Boston the rest of the property on Bank street adjoining the corner on which is the old Wright residence, announcement of whose sale was recently made. Mr. Neal now owns the entire plot including from the corner to the Reardon block, with the Wright house, the house occupied by Dr. Dewey, and the small house between. The terms of the transfer are not given out, and Mr. Neal has no plans for the future of the property.

Cheap Baking Powders Did It.

In one of the large female seminaries in Georgia there recently occurred an epidemic which affected the students in a peculiar and in some cases most serious manner. An investigation by the local physician showed that quantities of a cheap, alum baking powder were used in the baking. He immediately ordered that the use of this brand of powder be discontinued and a pure, cream of tartar powder substituted. The change was attended by excellent results. The patients readily improved and the peculiar affliction disappeared. The physician, one of the most eminent in the south, asserts that thousands of acute stomach troubles are directly caused by the daily use of these vile, cheap alum powders.—Southern Medical Times.

Cully and Co's. Store.

Samuel Cully & Co. call attention on the seventh page in a monster page advertisement to their enormous Christmas stock of goods. It will repay a careful perusal, as the goods and prices are itemized and many an excellent selection can thus be secured.

POWNA.

Another social and dance is to be given at Parker hall tonight. A very pleasant time is expected, as have been all of those given in the past.

Paul Wollschlaeger is to take possession of the "Evans" house. Lyman Bennett was at the funeral of his brother Nathan in Charlemon on Friday.

David Thomas is still at his mother's who is reported a little better.

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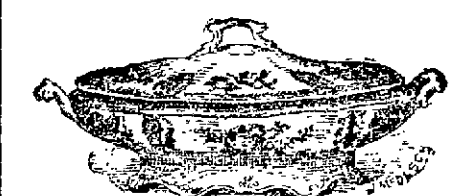
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